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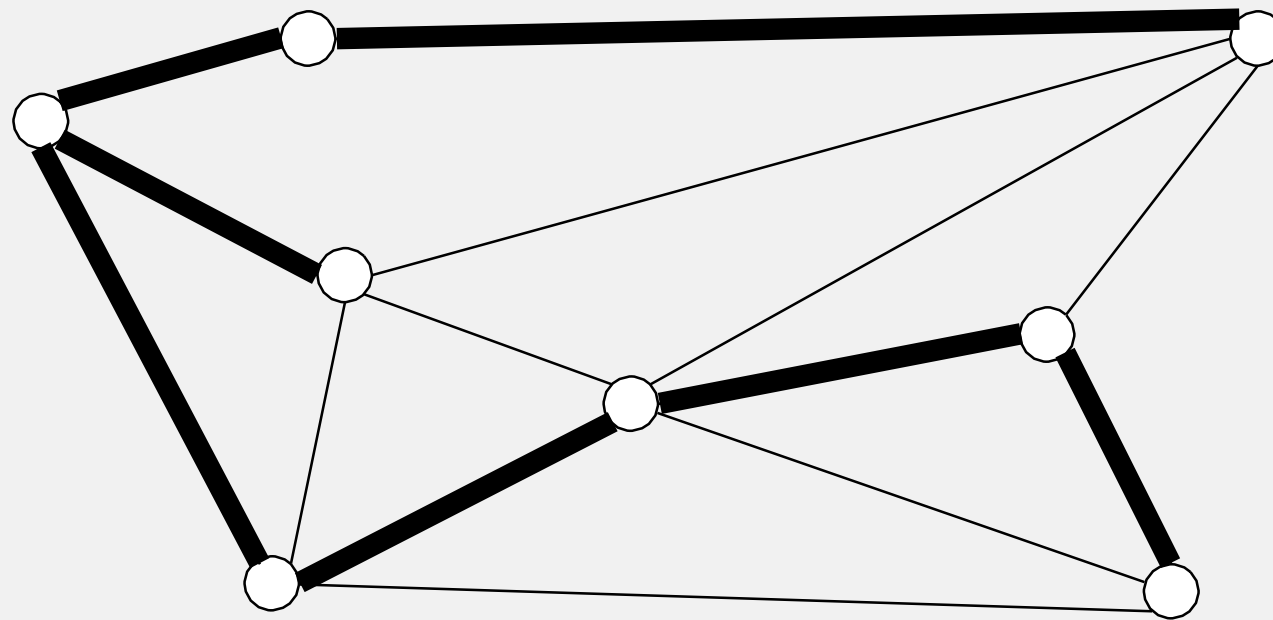
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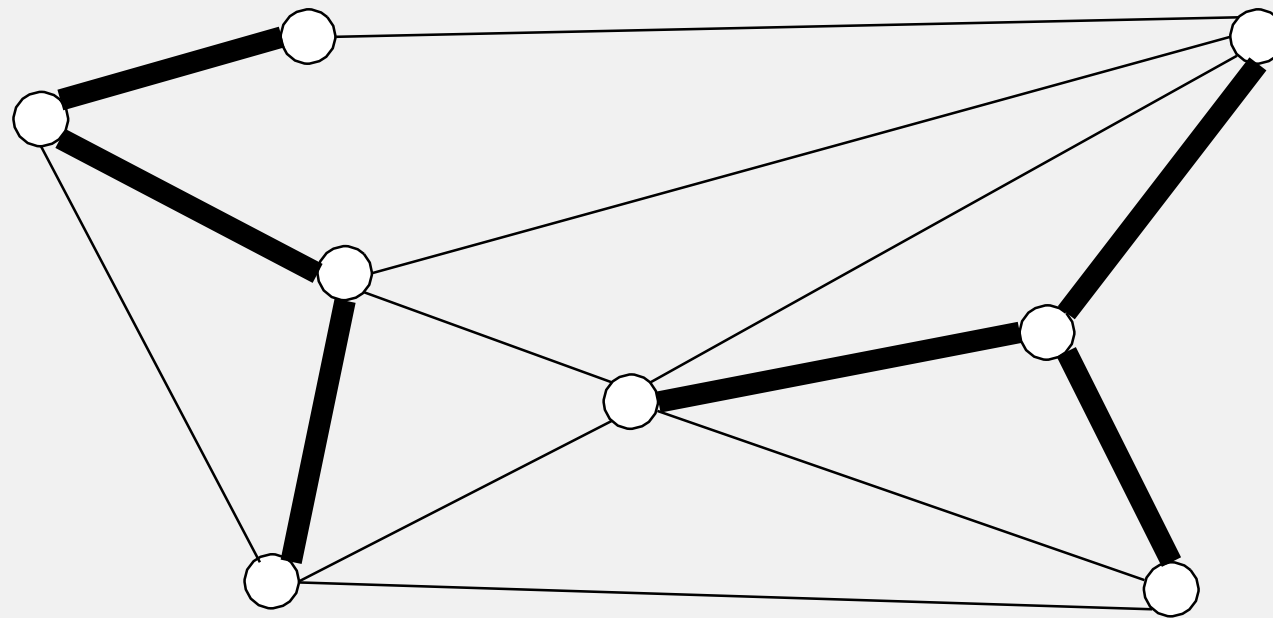
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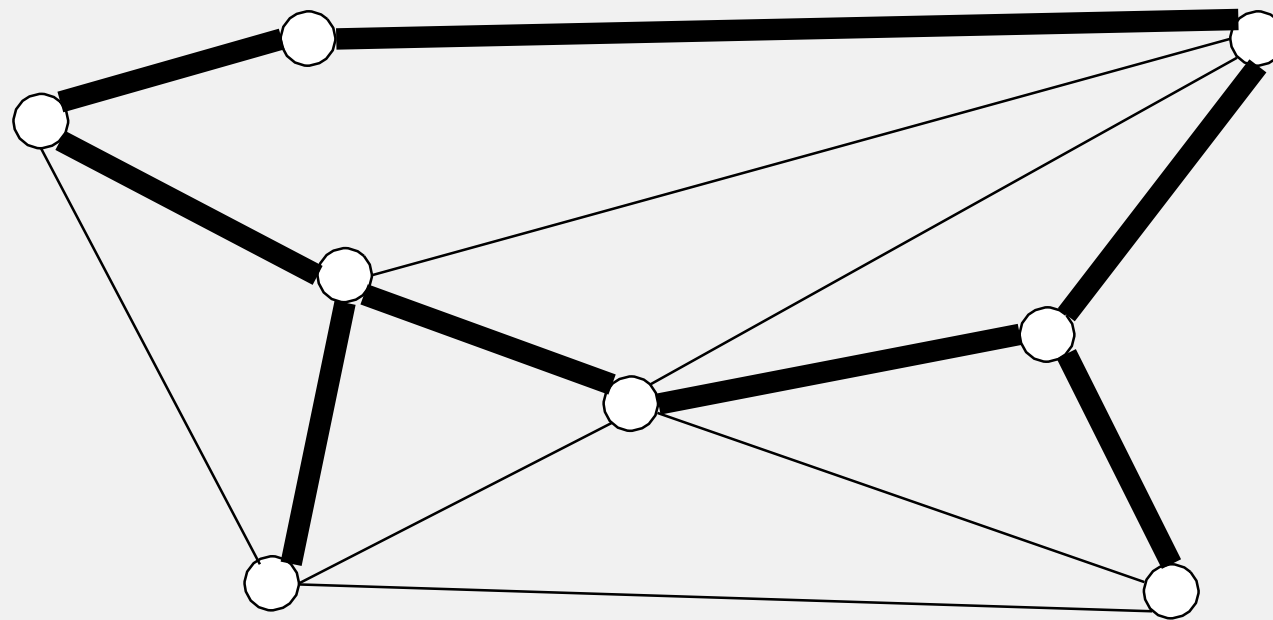
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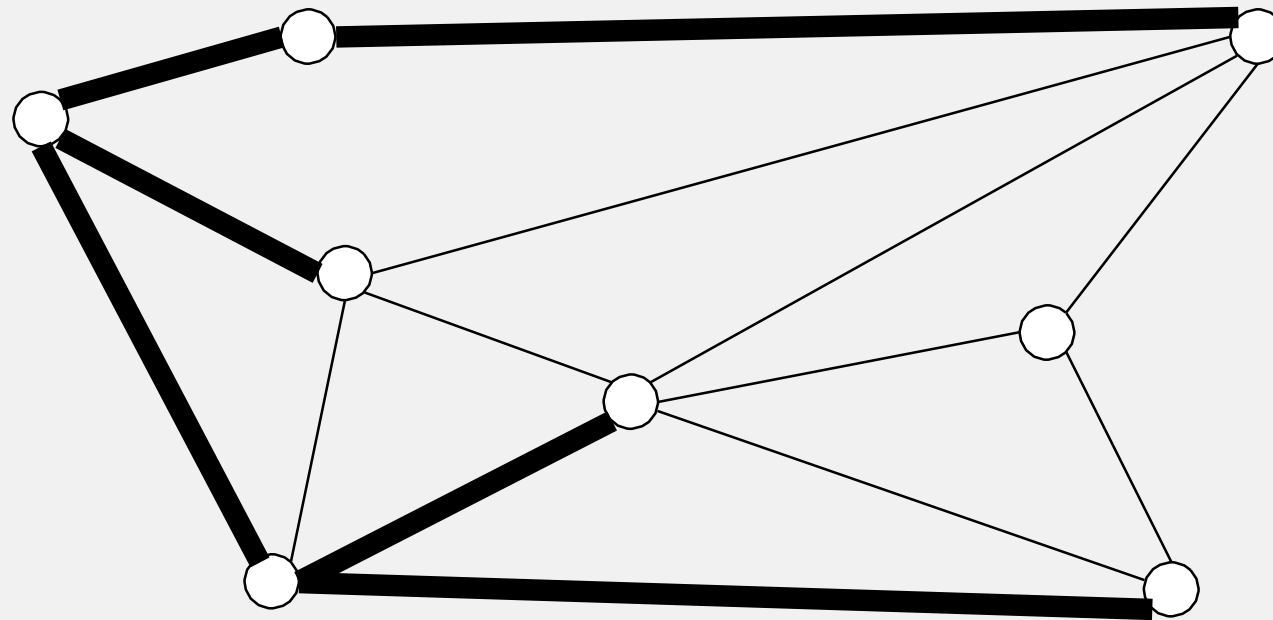
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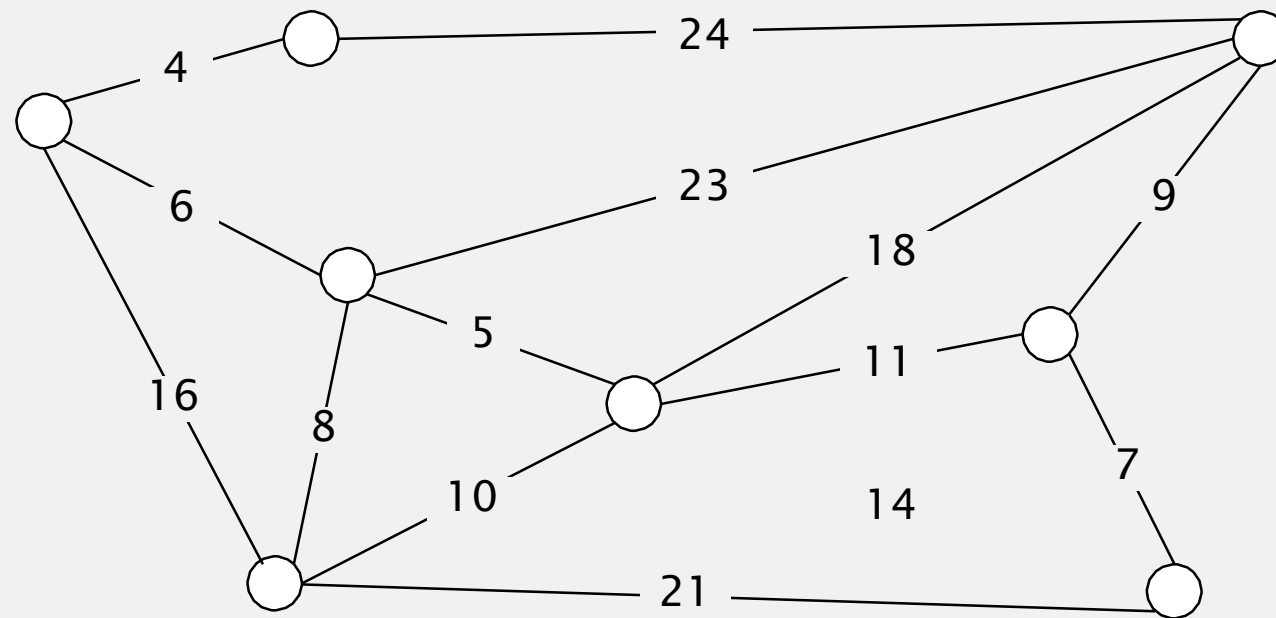
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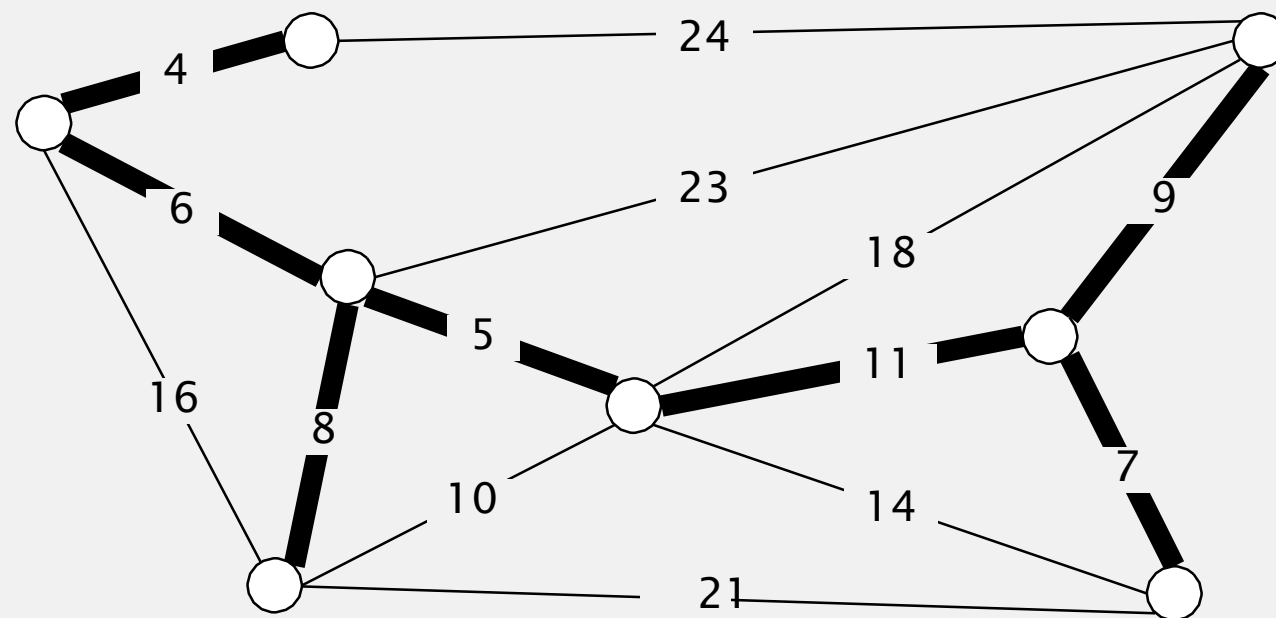
edge-weighted graph  $G$

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**minimum spanning tree T**  
(çmimi =  $50 = 4 + 6 + 8 + 5 + 11 + 9 + 7$ )

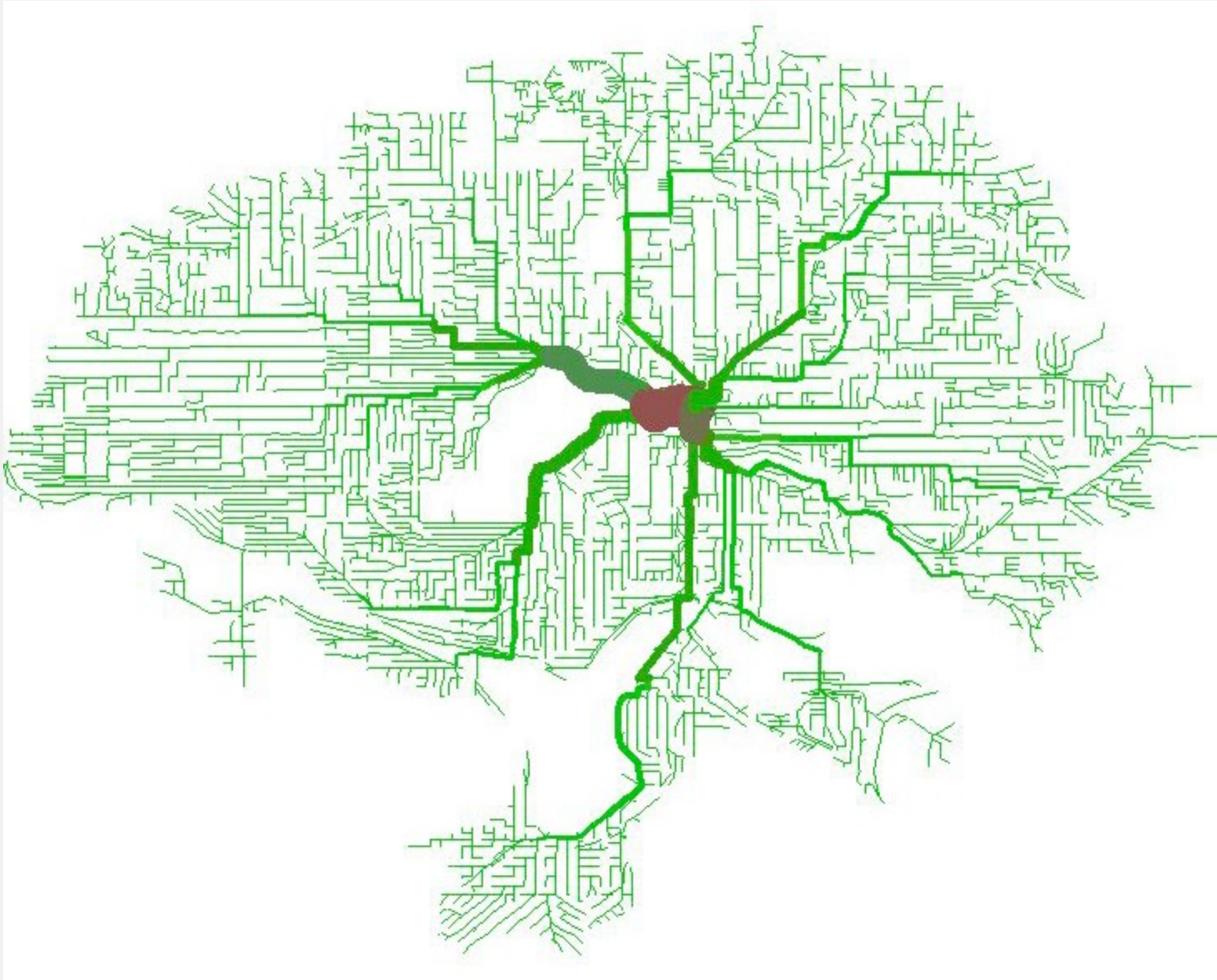
**Brute force.** Provo të gjitha spanning trees?



# Network design

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## MST of bicycle routes in North Seattle

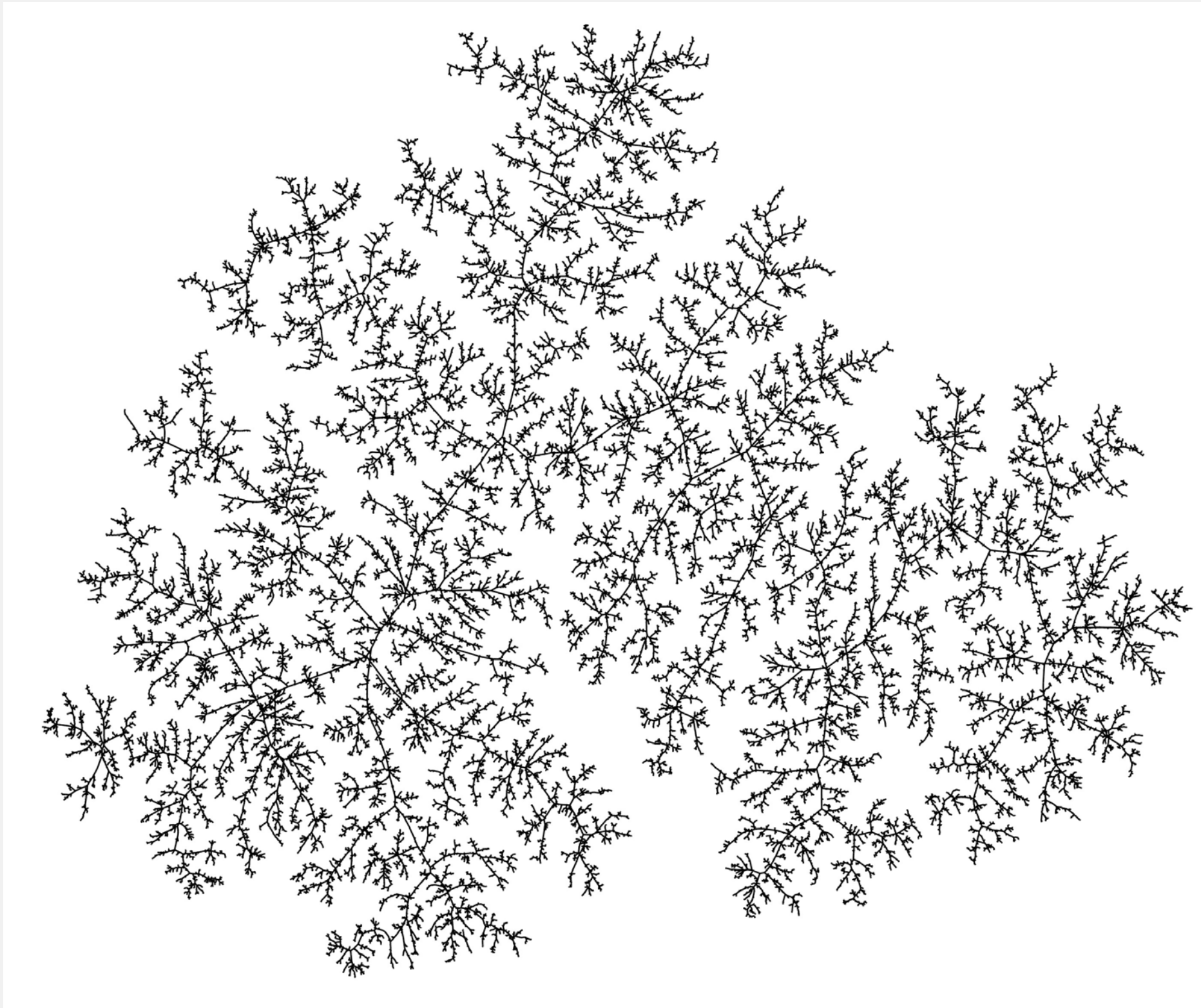


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# Models of nature

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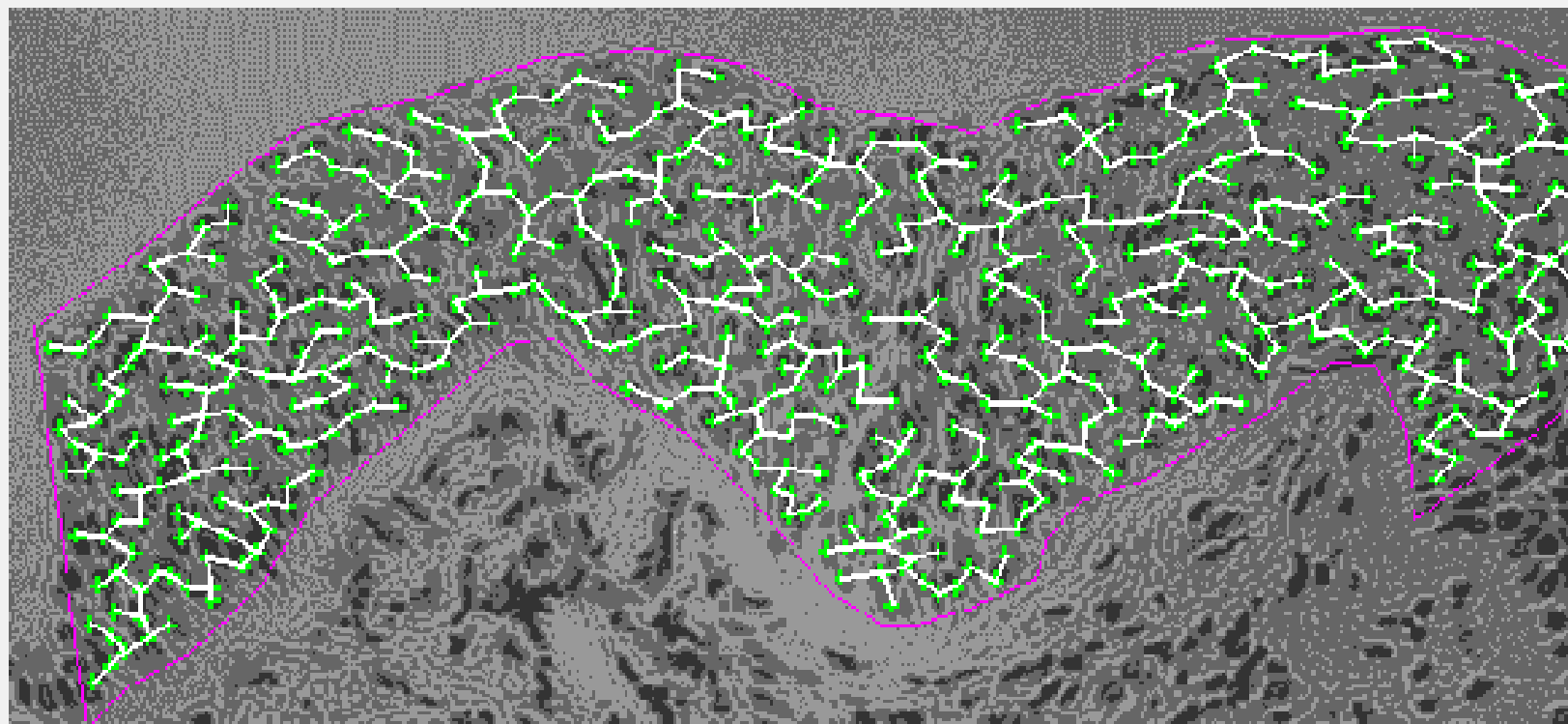
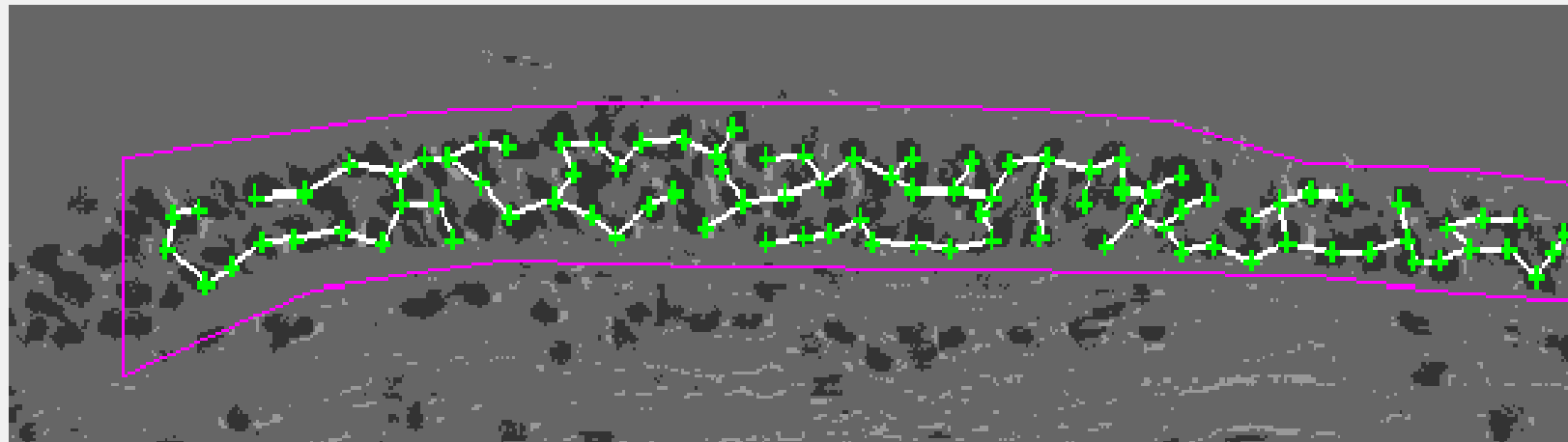
## MST of random graph



<http://algo.inria.fr/brouin/gallery.html>

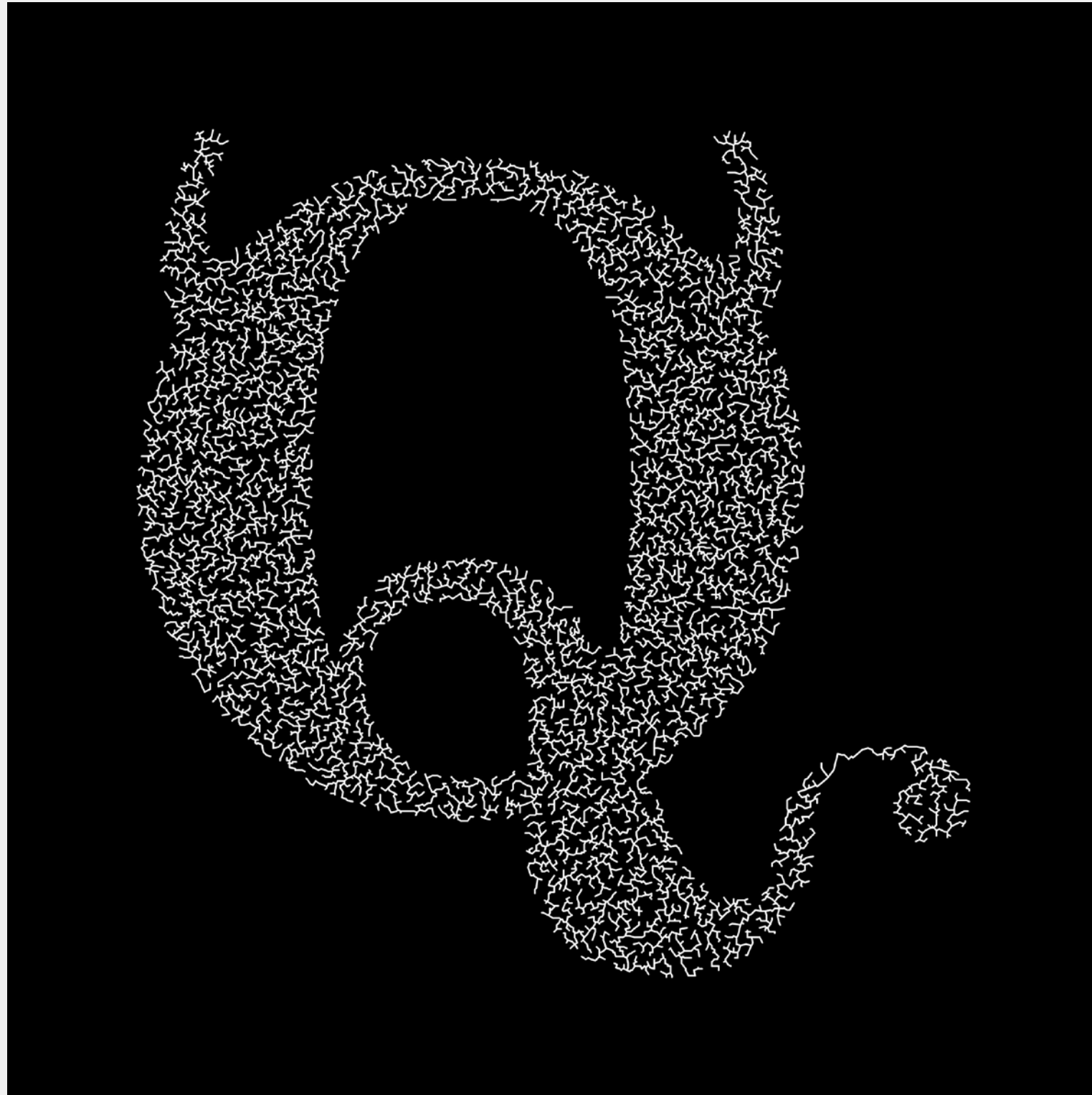


**MST describes arrangement of nuclei in the epithelium for cancer research**



[http://www.bccrc.ca/ci/ta01\\_archlevel.html](http://www.bccrc.ca/ci/ta01_archlevel.html)

## MST dithering



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/quasimondo/2695389651>

# Applications

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MST is fundamental problem with diverse applications.

- Dithering.
- Cluster analysis.
- Max bottleneck paths.
- Real-time face verification.
- LDPC codes for error correction.
- Image registration with Renyi entropy.
- Find road networks in satellite and aerial imagery.
- Reducing data storage in sequencing amino acids in a protein.
- Model locality of particle interactions in turbulent fluid flows.
- Autoconfig protocol for Ethernet bridging to avoid cycles in a network.
- Approximation algorithms for NP-hard problems (e.g., TSP, Steiner tree).
- Network design (communication, electrical, hydraulic, computer, road).

<http://www.ics.uci.edu/~eppstein/gina/mst.html>



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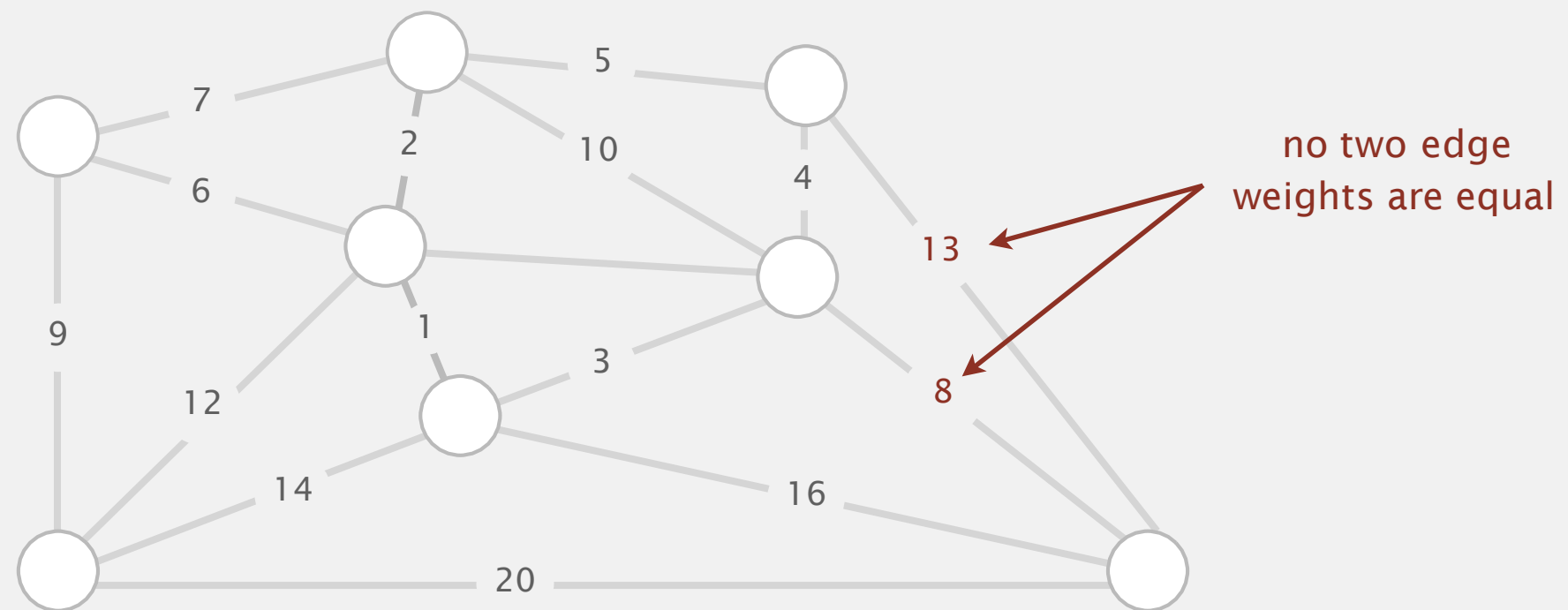
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# Supozim i thjeshtësuar

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- Grafi është i lidhur.
- Pesha e segmenteve është e veçantë.

**Rezultati.** MST ekziston dhe është unik.



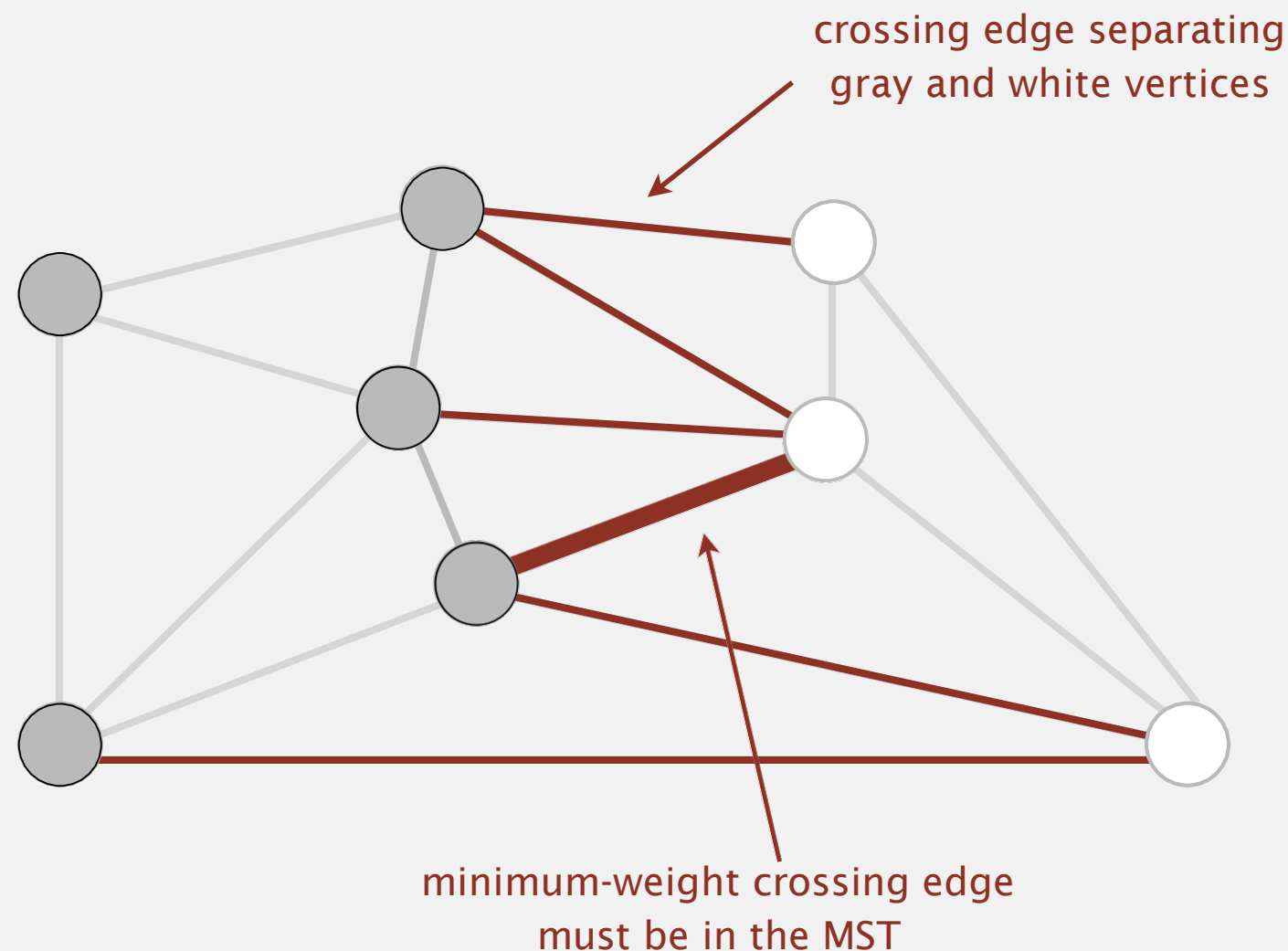
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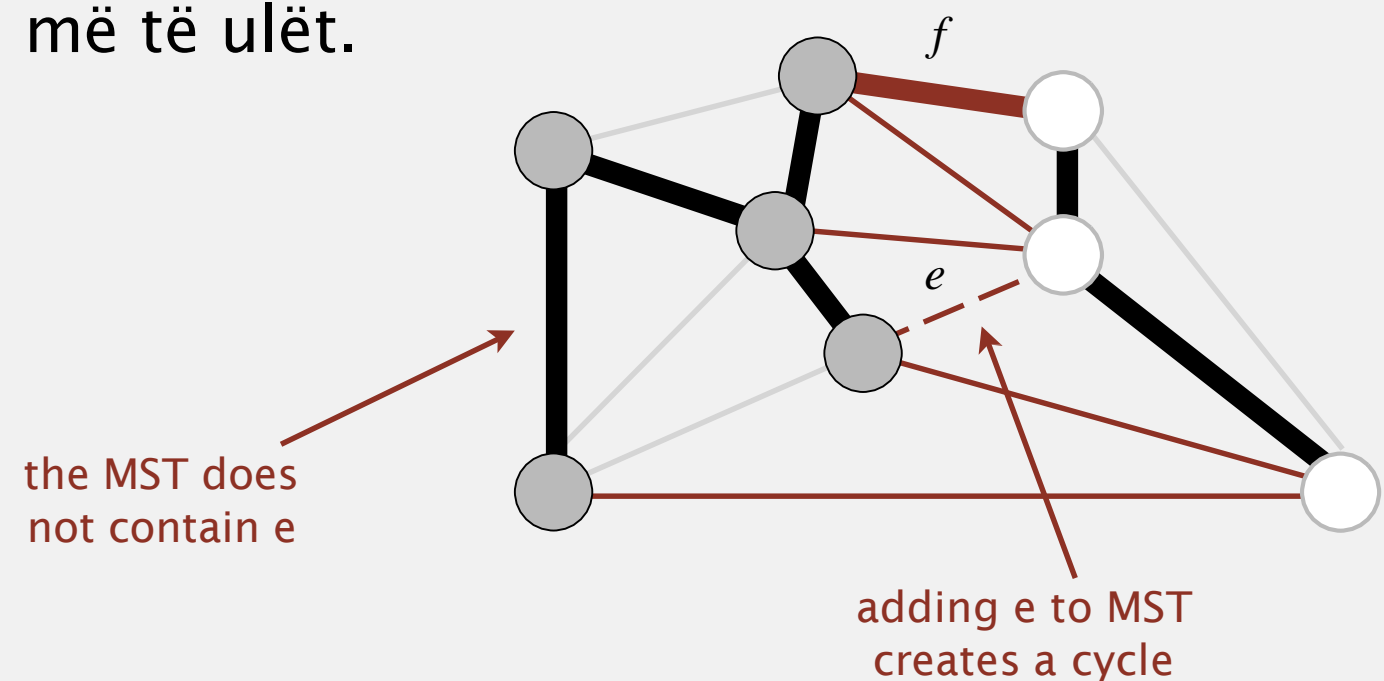
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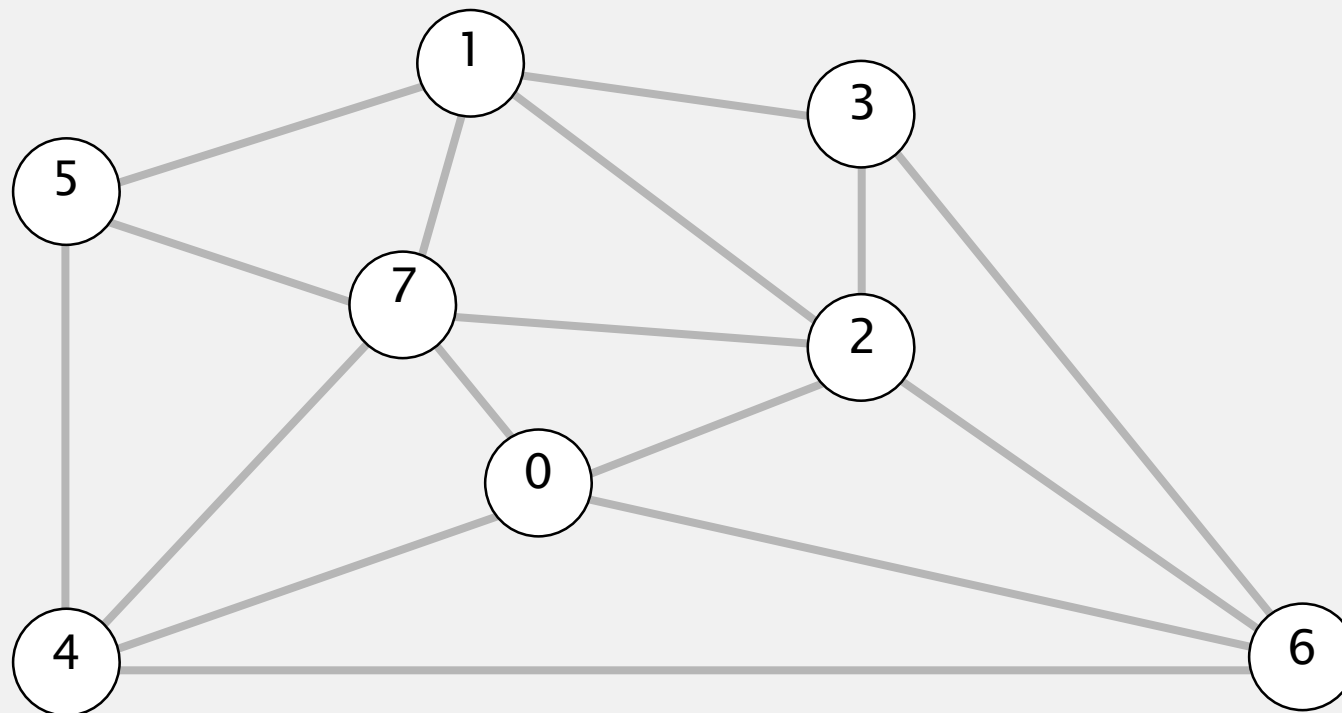
**Vërtetim.** Supuzo që min-weight **crossing edge**  $e$  nuk është në MST.

- Shtimi i  $e$  në MST krijon një cikël.
- Një tjetër segment  $f$  në cikël duhet të jetë një **crossing edge**.
- Fshirja e  $f$  dhe shtimi i  $e$  është gjithashtu një **spanning tree**.
- Pasi që pasha e  $e$  është më e vogël sesa ajo e  $f$ , ai spanning tree është me peshë më të ulët.
- Kontradiktë.



# Greedy MST algorithm demo

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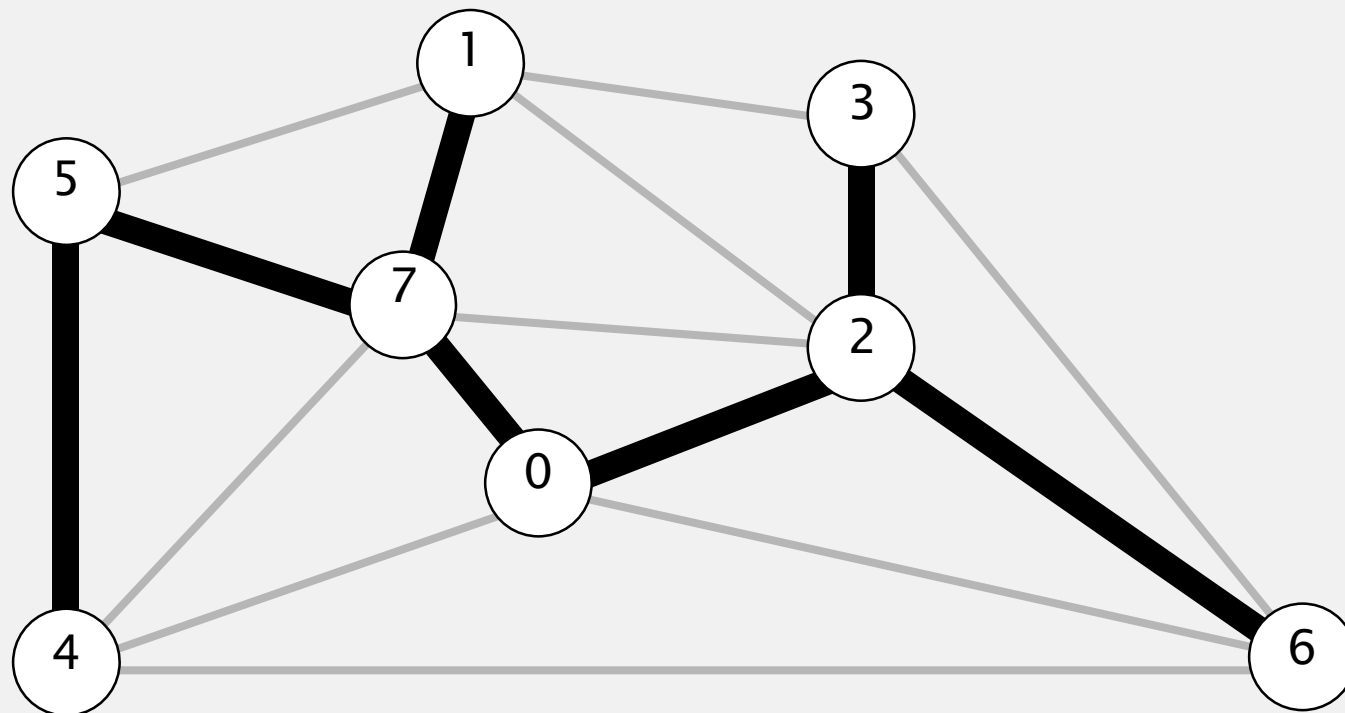
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**MST edges**

0-2   5-7   6-2   0-7   2-3   1-7   4-5

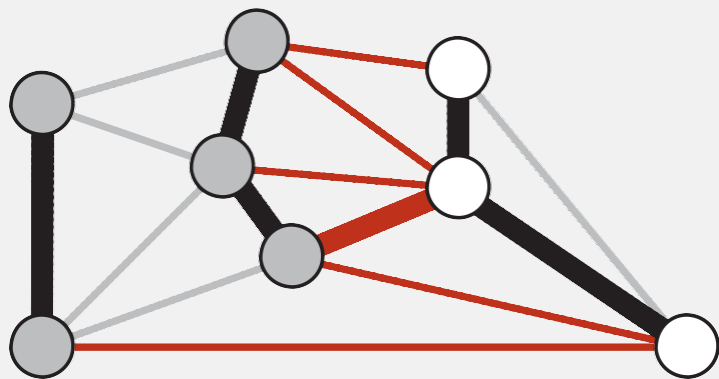
# Greedy MST algorithm:

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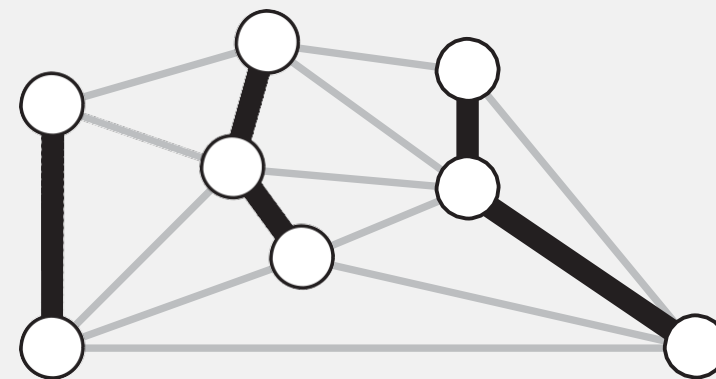
**Teoremë.** greedy algoritmi llogaritë MST.

**Vërtetim.**

- Cilido segment i zi është në MST (bazuar në vetitë e cut).
- Më pak se  $V-1$  segmente të zeza  $\Rightarrow$  cut pa crossing edges të zi.



a cut with no black crossing edges

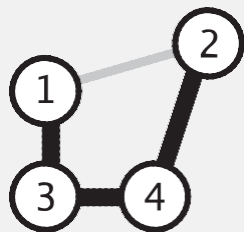


fewer than  $V-1$  edges colored black

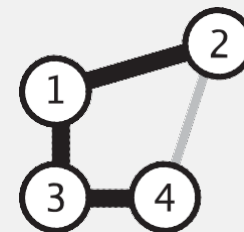
# Removing two simplifying assumptions

**Pyetje.** Çka nëse pashat e segmenteve nuk dallojnë?

**Përgjigje.** Greedy MST algoritmi është i saktë nëse peshat janë të barabarta.



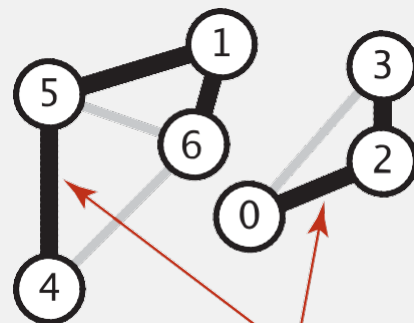
1	2	1.00
1	3	0.50
2	4	1.00
3	4	0.50



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**Q.** Çka nëse grafi nuk është i lidhur?

**A.** Llogaritet minimum spanning forest = MST i secilit përbërës.



4	5	0.61
4	6	0.62
5	6	0.88
1	5	0.11
2	3	0.35
0	3	0.6
1	6	0.10
0	2	0.22

*can independently compute*

*MSTs of components*



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# Weighted edge API

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Edge abstraction needed for weighted edges.

```
public class Edge implements Comparable<Edge>
```

```
    Edge(int v, int w, double weight)    create a weighted edge v-w
```

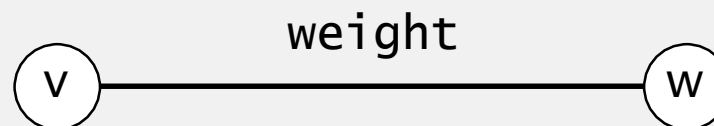
```
    int either()                        either endpoint
```

```
    int other(int v)                   the endpoint that's not v
```

```
    int compareTo(Edge that)           compare this edge to that edge
```

```
    double weight()                    the weight
```

```
    String toString()                  string representation
```



Idiom for processing an edge `e`: `int v = e.either(), w = e.other(v);`

# Weighted edge: Java implementation

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```
public class Edge implements Comparable<Edge>
{
    private final int v, w;
    private final double weight;
```

```
    public Edge(int v, int w, double weight)
    {
        this.v = v;
        this.w = w;
        this.weight = weight;
    }
```

← constructor

```
    public int either()
    { return v; }
```

← either endpoint

```
    public int other(int vertex)
    {
        if (vertex == v) return w;
        else return v;
    }
```

← other endpoint

```
    public int compareTo(Edge that)
    {
        if (this.weight < that.weight) return -1;
        else if (this.weight > that.weight) return +1;
        else return 0;
    }
```

← compare edges by weight

```
}
```



# Edge-weighted graph API

---

```
public class EdgeWeightedGraph
```

```
    EdgeWeightedGraph(int V)
```

*create an empty graph with  $V$  vertices*

```
    EdgeWeightedGraph(In in)
```

*create a graph from input stream*

```
    void addEdge(Edge e)
```

*add weighted edge  $e$  to this graph*

```
    Iterable<Edge> adj(int v)
```

*edges incident to  $v$*

```
    Iterable<Edge> edges()
```

*all edges in this graph*

```
    int V()
```

*number of vertices*

```
    int E()
```

*number of edges*

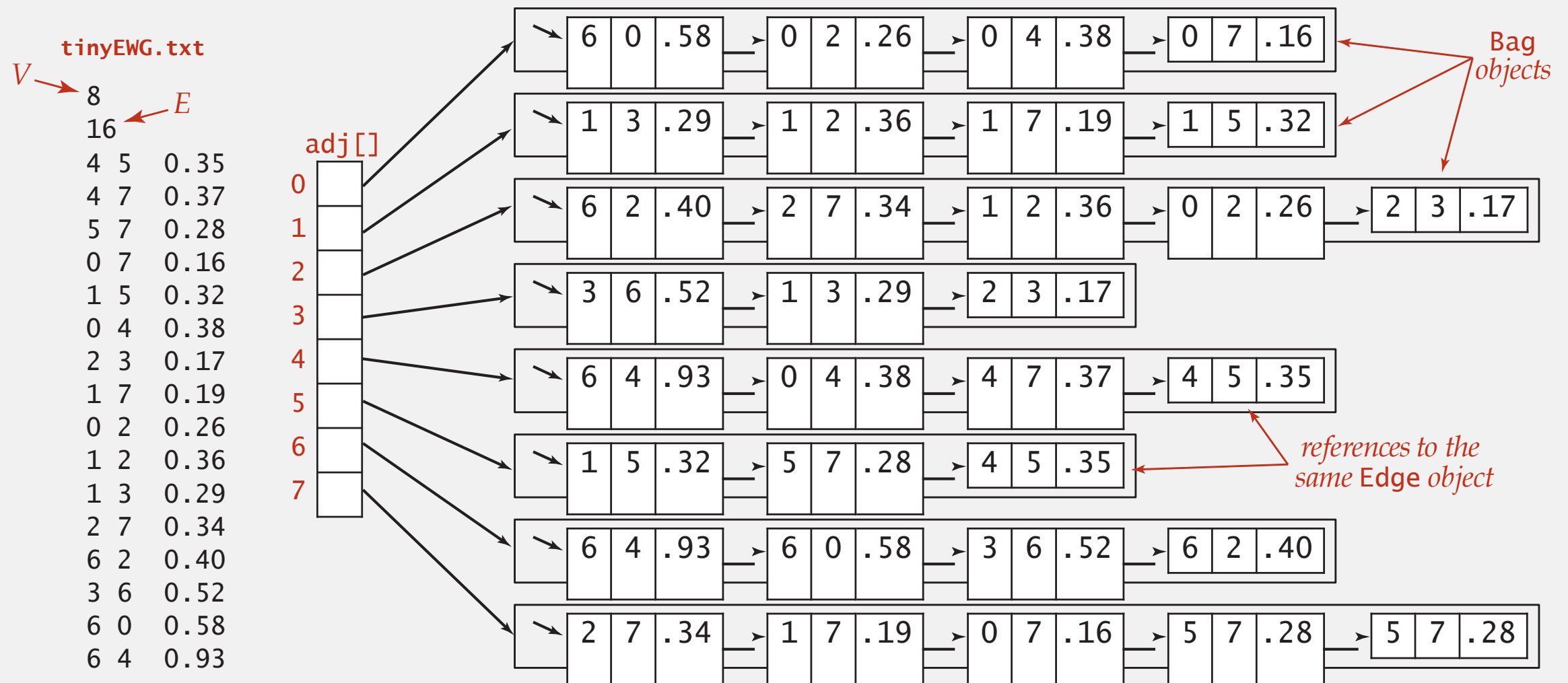
```
    String toString()
```

*string representation*

**Conventions.** Allow self-loops and parallel edges.

# Edge-weighted graph: adjacency-lists representation

Maintain vertex-indexed array of Edge lists.



# Edge-weighted graph: adjacency-lists implementation

---

```
public class EdgeWeightedGraph
{
    private final int V;
    private final Bag<Edge>[] adj;
```

← same as Graph, but adjacency lists of Edges instead of integers

```
    public EdgeWeightedGraph(int V)
    {
        this.V = V;
        adj = (Bag<Edge>[]) new Bag[V];
        for (int v = 0; v < V; v++)
            adj[v] = new Bag<Edge>();
    }
```

← constructor

```
    public void addEdge(Edge e)
    {
        int v = e.either(), w = e.other(v);
        adj[v].add(e);
        adj[w].add(e);
    }
```

← add edge to both adjacency lists

```
    public Iterable<Edge> adj(int v)
    { return adj[v]; }
}
```

# Minimum spanning tree API

Q. How to represent the MST?

```
public class MST
```

```
    Iterable<Edge>
```

```
        MST(EdgeWeightedGrap
```

```
        G)
```

*constructor*

```
        h edges()
```

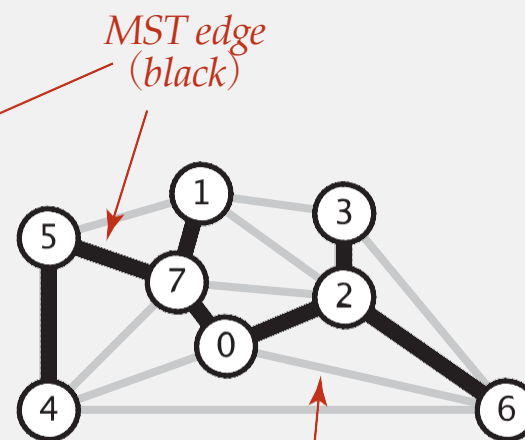
*edges in MST*

```
        double weight()
```

*weight of MST*

**tinyEWG.txt**

V → 8  
E → 16  
4 5 0.35  
4 7 0.37  
5 7 0.28  
0 7 0.16  
1 5 0.32  
0 4 0.38  
2 3 0.17  
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6 0 0.58  
6 4 0.93



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Iterable<Edge>	MST(EdgeWeightedGraph G)	<i>constructor</i>
	h edges()	<i>edges in MST</i>
double	weight()	<i>weight of MST</i>

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    In in = new In(args[0]);
    EdgeWeightedGraph G = new EdgeWeightedGraph(in);
    MST mst = new MST(G);
    for (Edge e : mst.edges())
        StdOut.println(e);
    StdOut.printf("%.2f\n", mst.weight());
}
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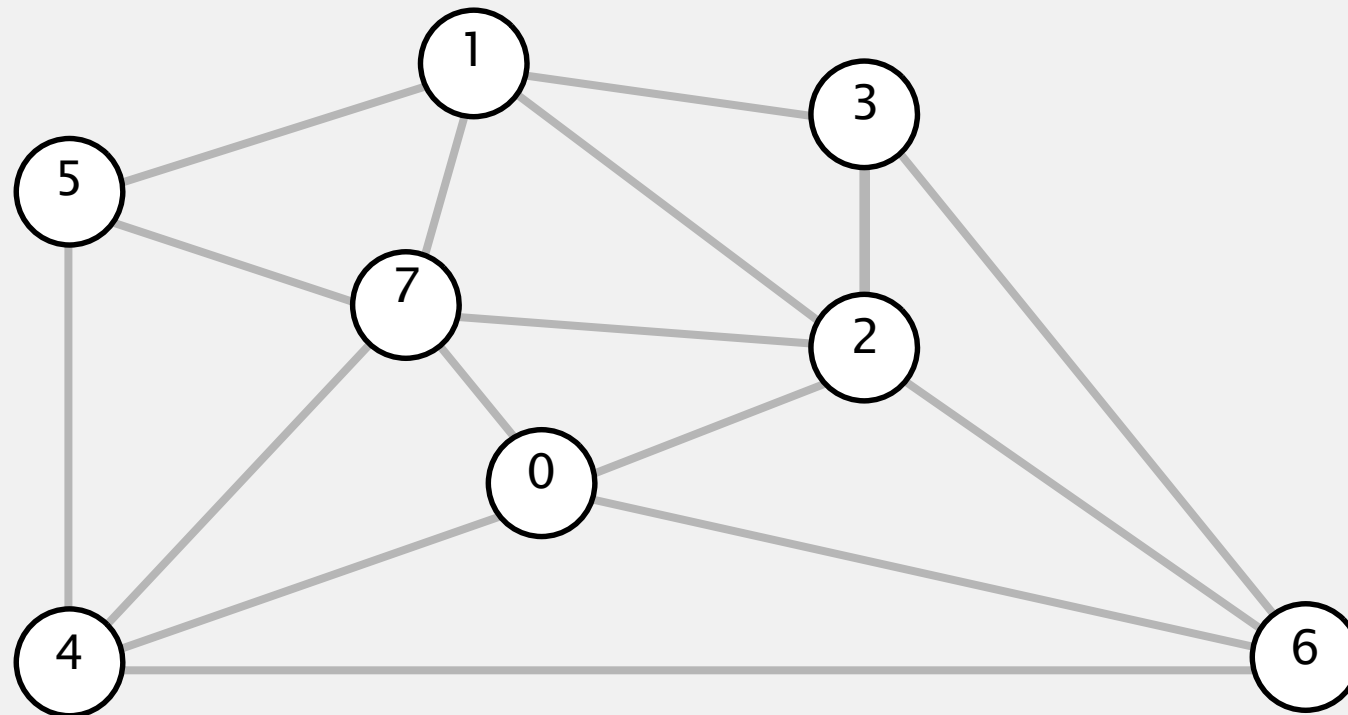
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# Kruskal's algorithm demo

Consider edges in ascending order of weight.

- Add next edge to tree  $T$  unless doing so would create a cycle.



an edge-weighted graph

graph edges  
sorted by weight

↓

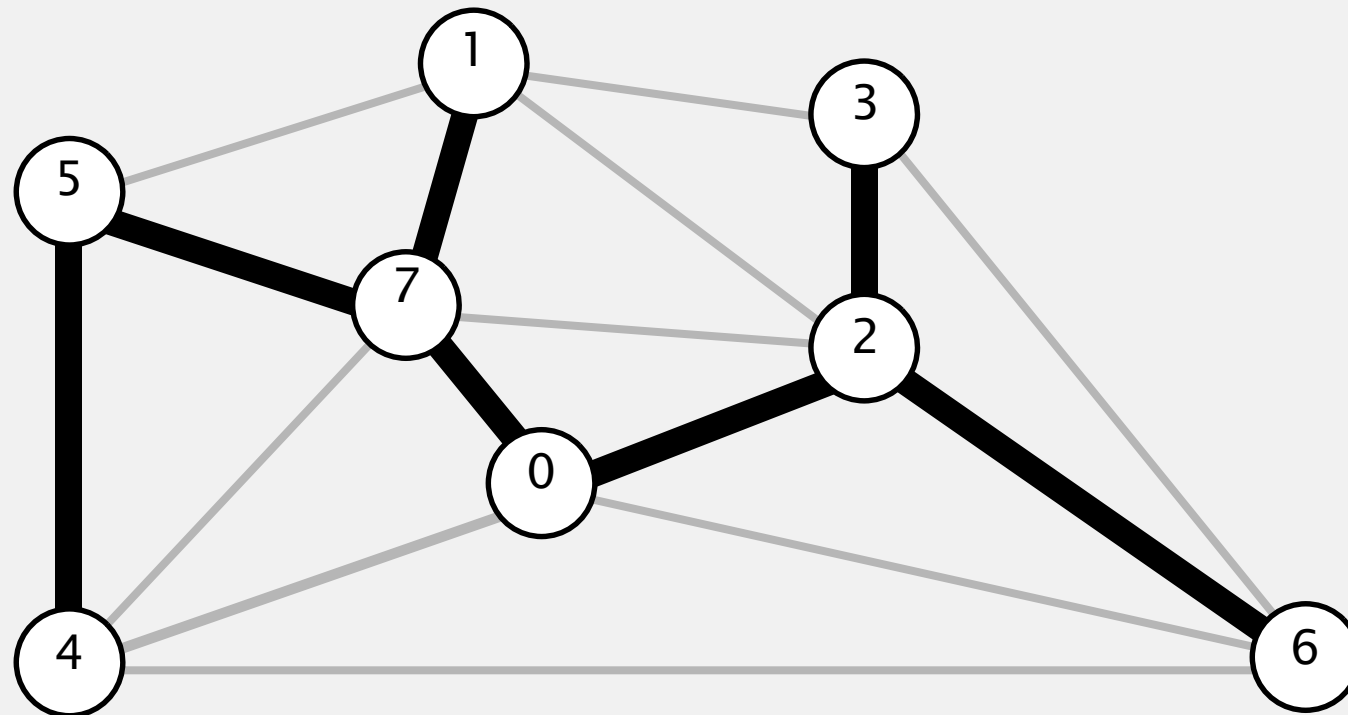
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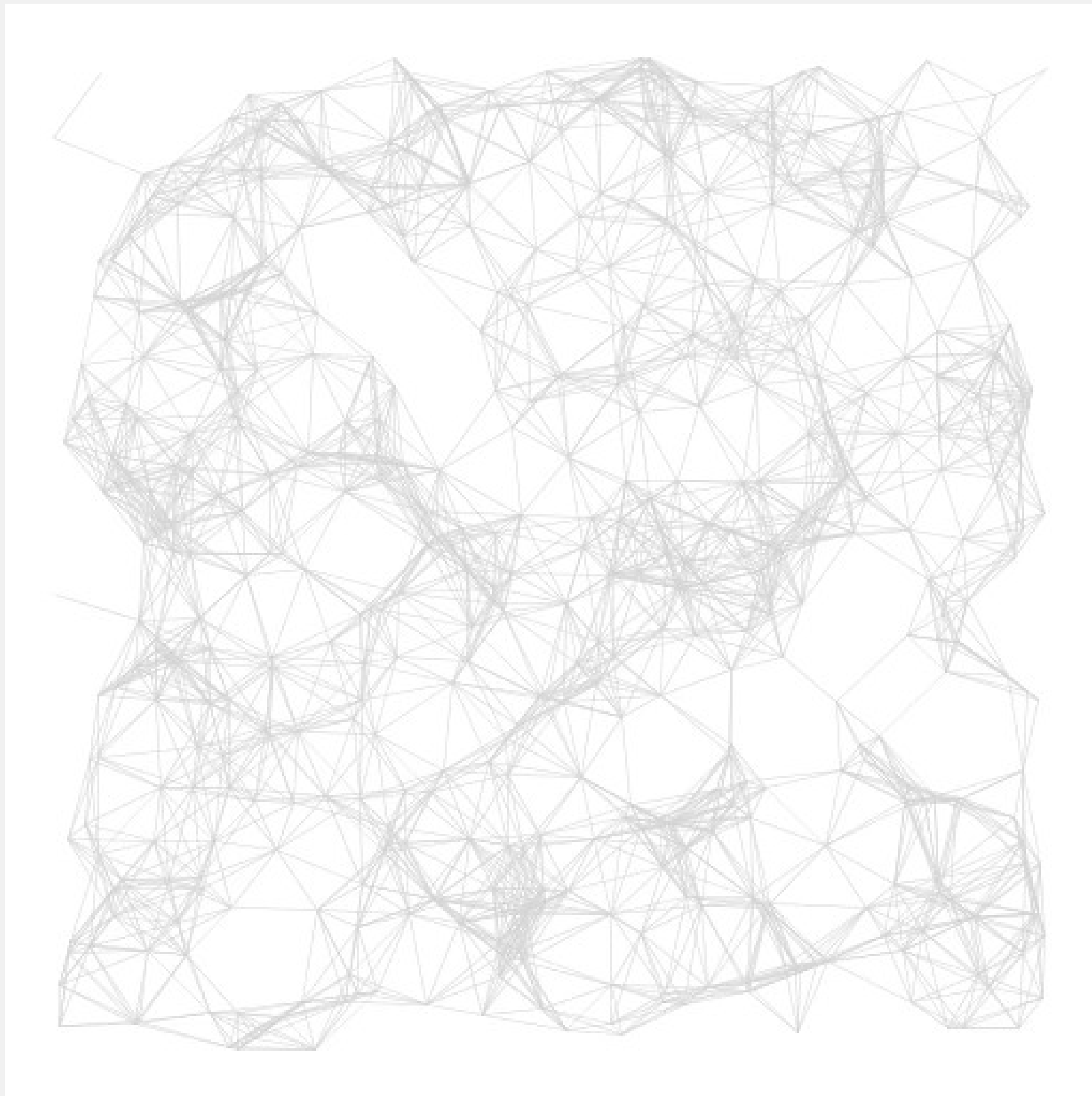
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# Kruskal's algorithm: visualization

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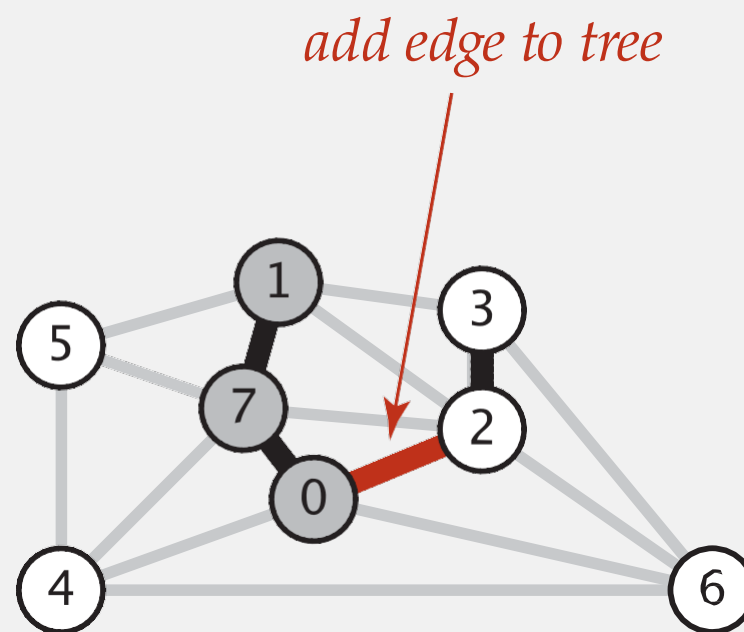
# Kruskal's algorithm: correctness proof

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**Proposition.** [Kruskal 1956] Kruskal's algorithm computes the MST.

**Pf.** Kruskal's algorithm is a special case of the greedy MST algorithm.

- Suppose Kruskal's algorithm colors the edge  $e = v-w$  black.
- Cut = set of vertices connected to  $v$  in tree  $T$ .
- No crossing edge is black.
- No crossing edge has lower weight. Why?

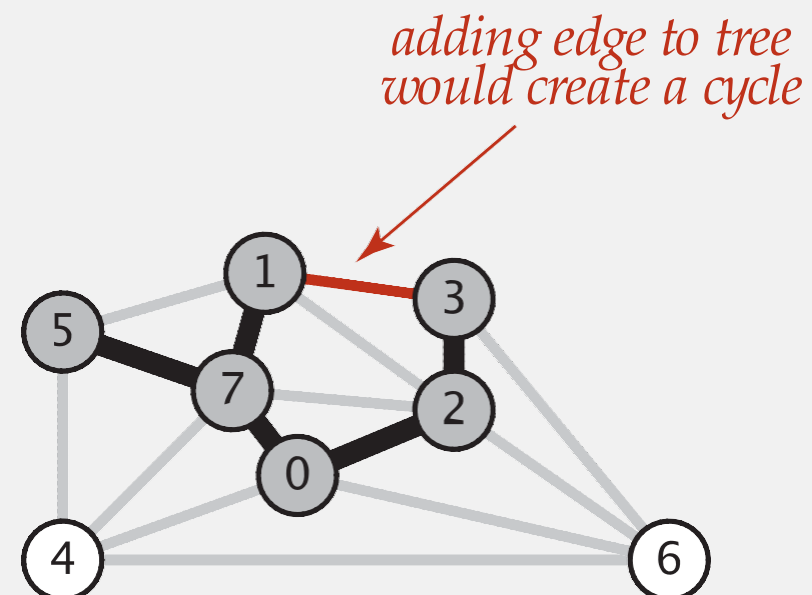
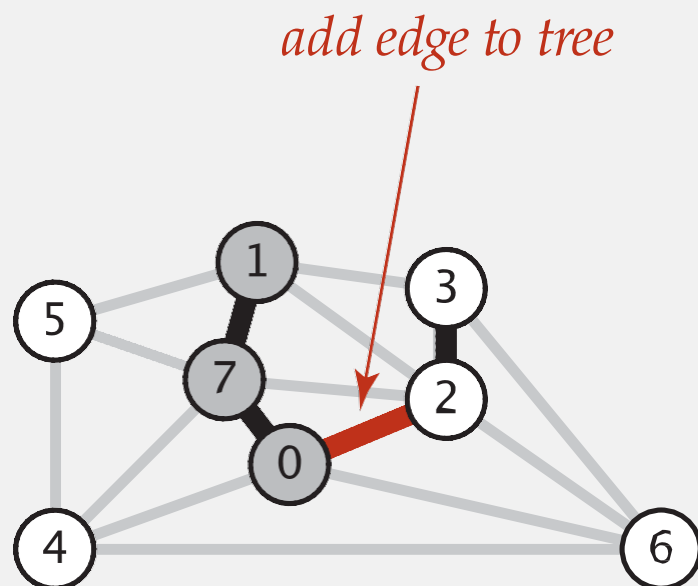


# Kruskal's algorithm: implementation challenge

**Challenge.** Would adding edge  $v-w$  to tree  $T$  create a cycle? If not, add it.

## How difficult?

- $E + V$
- $V$  ← run DFS from  $v$ , check if  $w$  is reachable  
( $T$  has at most  $V - 1$  edges)
- $\log V$
- $\log^* V$  ← use the union-find data structure !
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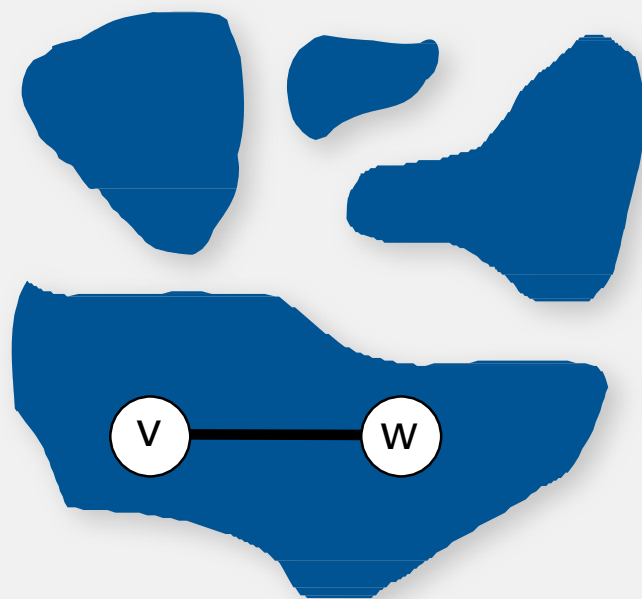
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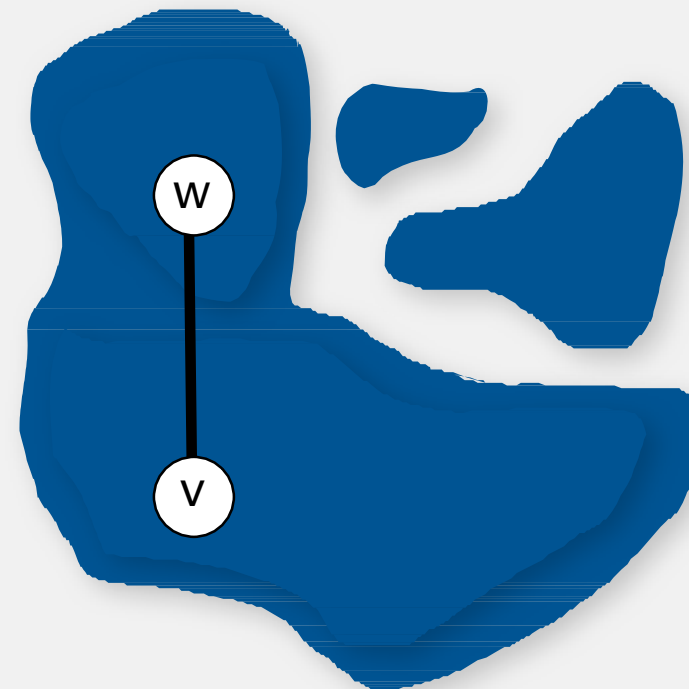
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**Efficient solution.** Use the **union-find** data structure.

- Maintain a set for each connected component in  $T$ .
- If  $v$  and  $w$  are in same set, then adding  $v-w$  would create a cycle.
- To add  $v-w$  to  $T$ , merge sets containing  $v$  and  $w$ .



Case 1: adding  $v-w$  creates a cycle



Case 2: add  $v-w$  to  $T$  and merge sets containing  $v$  and  $w$

# Kruskal's algorithm: Java implementation

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```
public class KruskalMST
{
    private Queue<Edge> mst = new Queue<Edge>();

    public KruskalMST(EdgeWeightedGraph G)
    {
        MinPQ<Edge> pq = new MinPQ<Edge>(G.edges());

        UF uf = new UF(G.V());
        while (!pq.isEmpty() && mst.size() < G.V()-1)
        {
            Edge e = pq.delMin();
            int v = e.either(), w = e.other(v);
            if (!uf.connected(v, w))
            {
                uf.union(v, w);
                mst.enqueue(e);
            }
        }
    }

    public Iterable<Edge> edges()
    { return mst; }
}
```

← build priority queue  
(or sort)

← greedily add edges to MST

← edge v-w does not create  
cycle

← merge sets

← add edge to MST

# Kruskal's algorithm: running time

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**Proposition.** Kruskal's algorithm computes MST in time proportional to  $E \log E$  (in the worst case).

**Pf.**

operation	frequency	time per op
<b>build pq</b>	1	$E$
<b>delete-min</b>	$E$	$\log E$
<b>union</b>	$V$	$\log^* V^\dagger$
<b>connected</b>	$E$	$\log^* V^\dagger$

$\dagger$  amortized bound using weighted quick union with path compression

recall:  $\log^* V \leq 5$  in this universe



**Remark.** If edges are already sorted, order of growth is  $E \log^* V$ .



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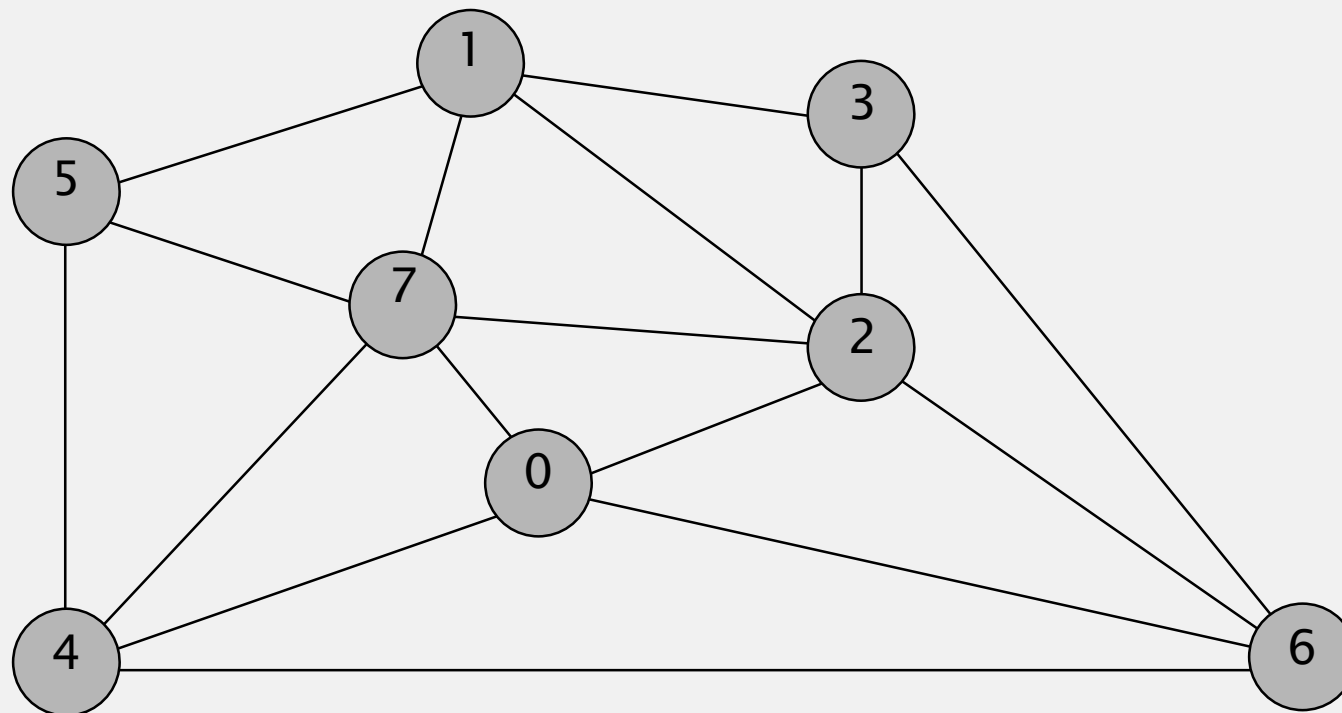
## 4.3 MINIMUM SPANNING TREES

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- *introduction*
- *greedy algorithm*
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- *Kruskal's algorithm*
- ***Prim's algorithm***
- *context*

# Prim's algorithm demo

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an edge-weighted graph

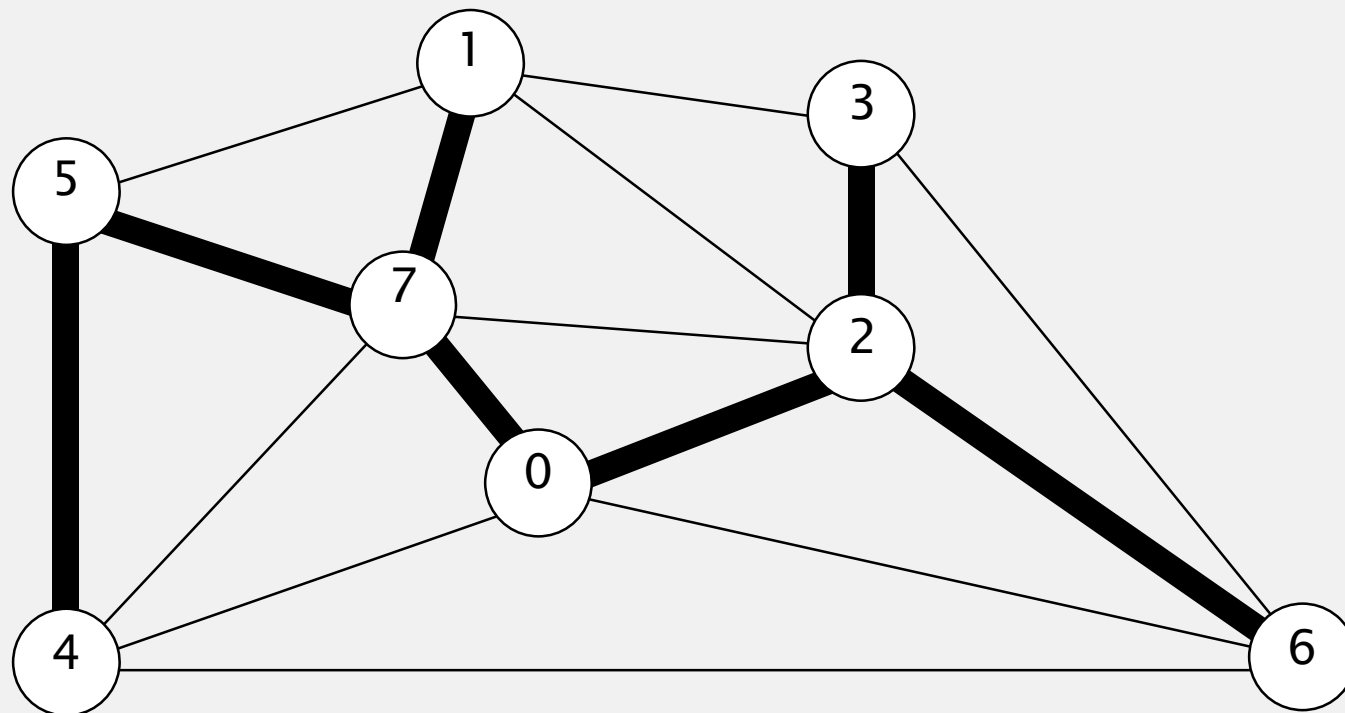
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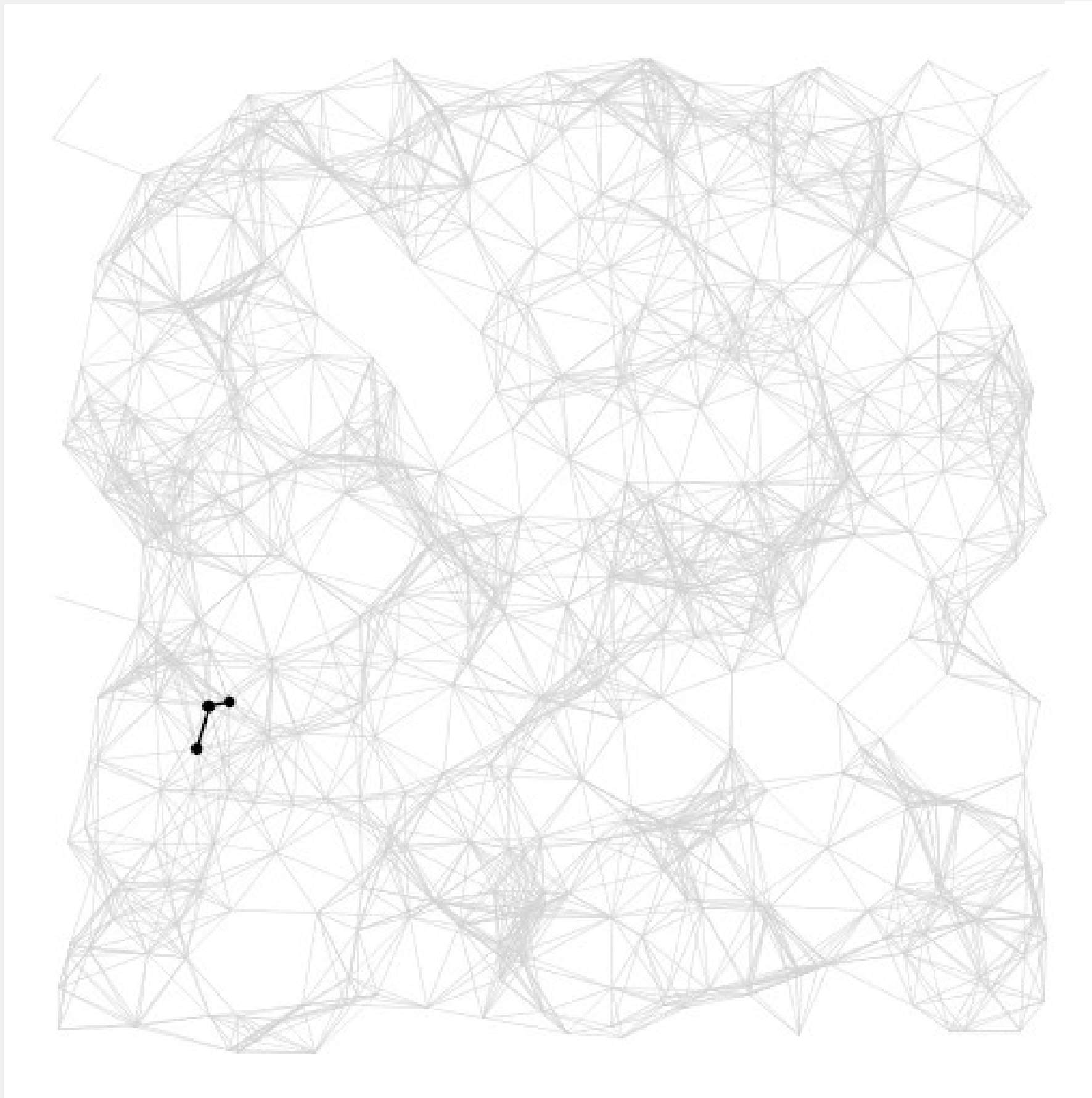


**MST edges**

0-7   1-7   0-2   2-3   5-7   4-5   6-2

# Prim's algorithm: visualization

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# Prim's algorithm: proof of correctness

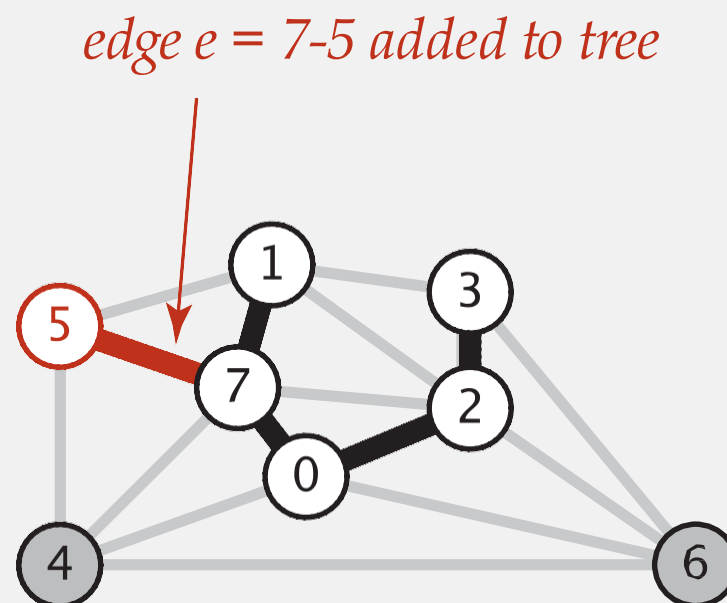
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**Proposition.** [Jarník 1930, Dijkstra 1957, Prim 1959]

Prim's algorithm computes the MST.

**Pf.** Prim's algorithm is a special case of the greedy MST algorithm.

- Suppose edge  $e$  = min weight edge connecting a vertex on the tree to a vertex not on the tree.
- Cut = set of vertices connected on tree.
- No crossing edge is black.
- No crossing edge has lower weight.



# Prim's algorithm: implementation challenge

**Challenge.** Find the min weight edge with exactly one endpoint in  $T$ .

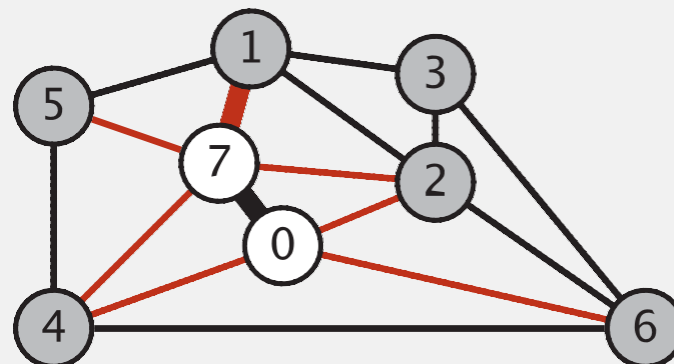
How difficult?

- $E$
- $V$
- $\log E$
- $\log^* E$
- 1

← try all edges

← use a priority queue!

*1-7 is min weight edge with exactly one endpoint in  $T$*



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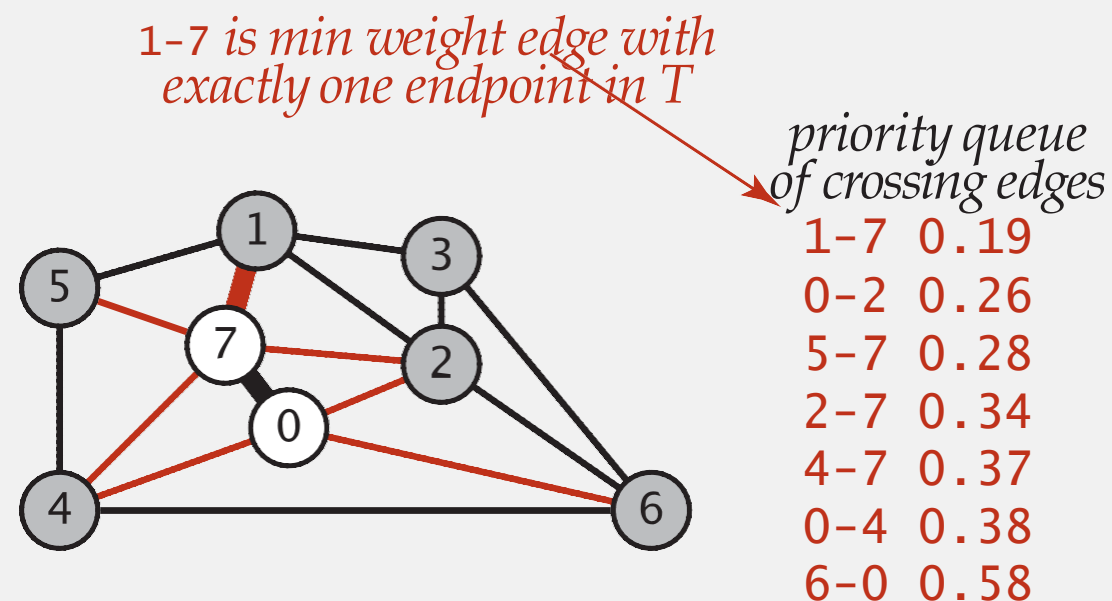
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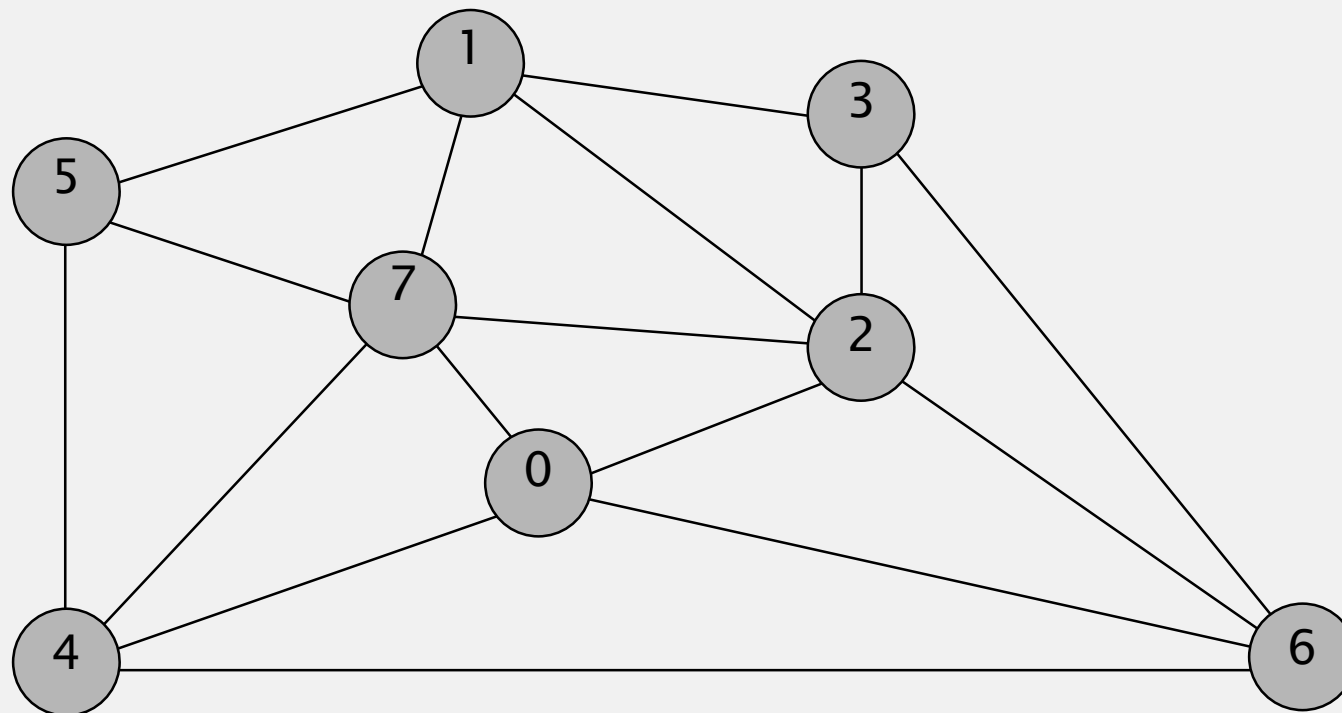
**Lazy solution.** Maintain a PQ of **edges** with (at least) one endpoint in  $T$ .

- Key = edge; priority = weight of edge.
- Delete-min to determine next edge  $e = v-w$  to add to  $T$ .
- Disregard if both endpoints  $v$  and  $w$  are marked (both in  $T$ ).
- Otherwise, let  $w$  be the unmarked vertex (not in  $T$ ):
  - add to PQ any edge incident to  $w$  (assuming other endpoint not in  $T$ )
  - add  $e$  to  $T$  and mark  $w$



# Prim's algorithm (lazy) demo

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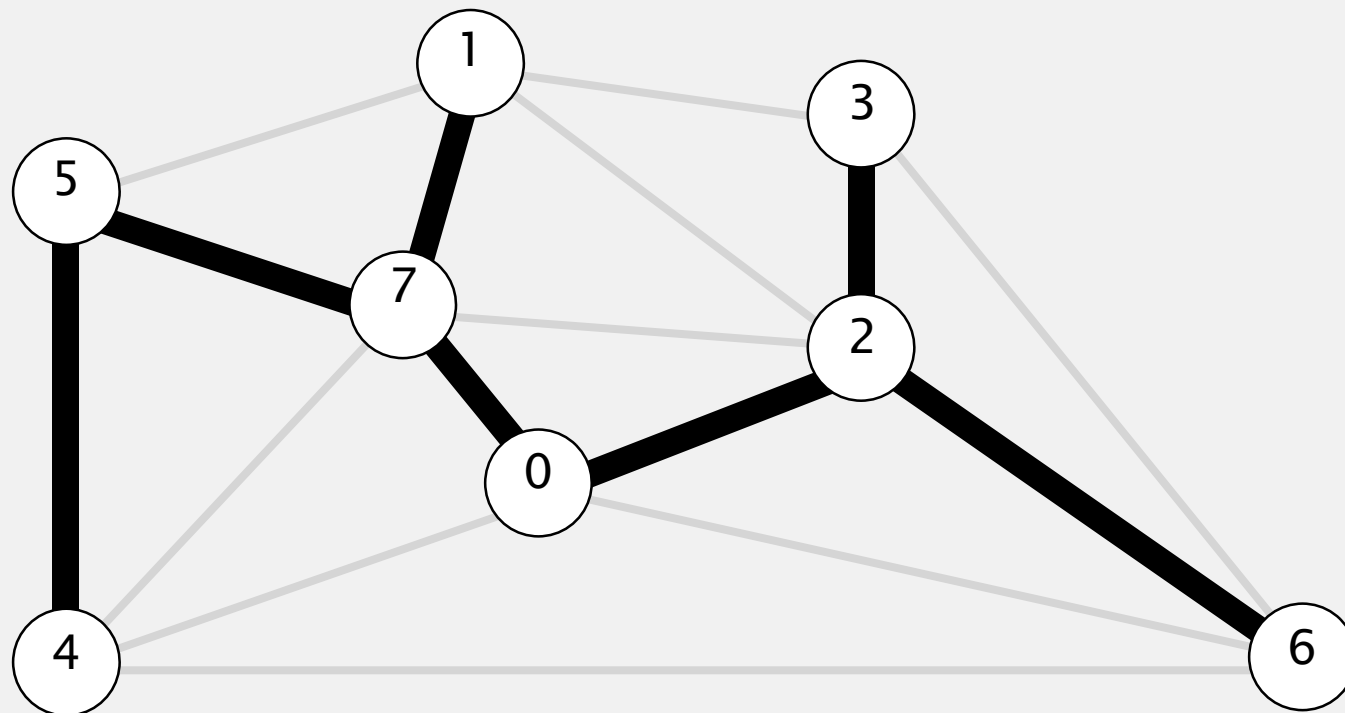
**an edge-weighted graph**

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**MST edges**

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# Prim's algorithm: lazy implementation

```
public class LazyPrimMST
{
    private boolean[] marked;    // MST vertices
    private Queue<Edge> mst;     // MST edges
    private MinPQ<Edge> pq;     // PQ of edges

    public LazyPrimMST(WeightedGraph G)
    {
        pq = new MinPQ<Edge>();
        mst = new Queue<Edge>();
        marked = new boolean[G.V()];
        visit(G, 0);

        while (!pq.isEmpty() && mst.size() < G.V() - 1)
        {
            Edge e = pq.delMin();
            int v = e.either(), w = e.other(v);
            if (marked[v] && marked[w]) continue;
            mst.enqueue(e);
            if (!marked[v]) visit(G, v);
            if (!marked[w]) visit(G, w);
        }
    }
}
```

← assume G is connected

← repeatedly delete the  
min weight edge  $e = v-w$  from  
PQ  
← ignore if both endpoints in T  
← add edge e to tree

← add v or w to  
tree



# Prim's algorithm: lazy implementation

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```
private void visit(WeightedGraph G, int v)
{
    marked[v] = true;
    for (Edge e : G.adj(v))
        if (!marked[e.other(v)])
            pq.insert(e);
}
```

```
public Iterable<Edge> mst()
{ return mst; }
```

← add v to  
T

← for each edge  $e = v-w$ , add to  
PQ if w not already in T

## Lazy Prim's algorithm: running time

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**Proposition.** Lazy Prim's algorithm computes the MST in time proportional to  $E \log E$  and extra space proportional to  $E$  (in the worst case).

**Pf.**

operation	frequency	binary heap
<b>delete min</b>	$E$	$\log E$
<b>insert</b>	$E$	$\log E$

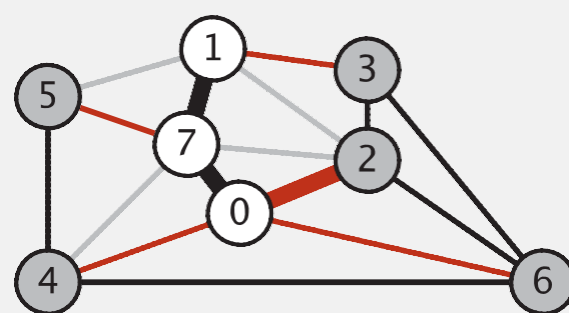
# Prim's algorithm: eager implementation

**Challenge.** Find min weight edge with exactly one endpoint in  $T$ .

↙ pq has at most one entry per vertex

**Eager solution.** Maintain a PQ of **vertices** connected by an edge to  $T$ , where priority of vertex  $v$  = weight of shortest edge connecting  $v$  to  $T$ .

- Delete min vertex  $v$  and add its associated edge  $e = v-w$  to  $T$ .
- Update PQ by considering all edges  $e = v-x$  incident to  $v$ 
  - ignore if  $x$  is already in  $T$
  - add  $x$  to PQ if not already on it
  - **decrease priority** of  $x$  if  $v-x$  becomes shortest edge connecting  $x$  to  $T$



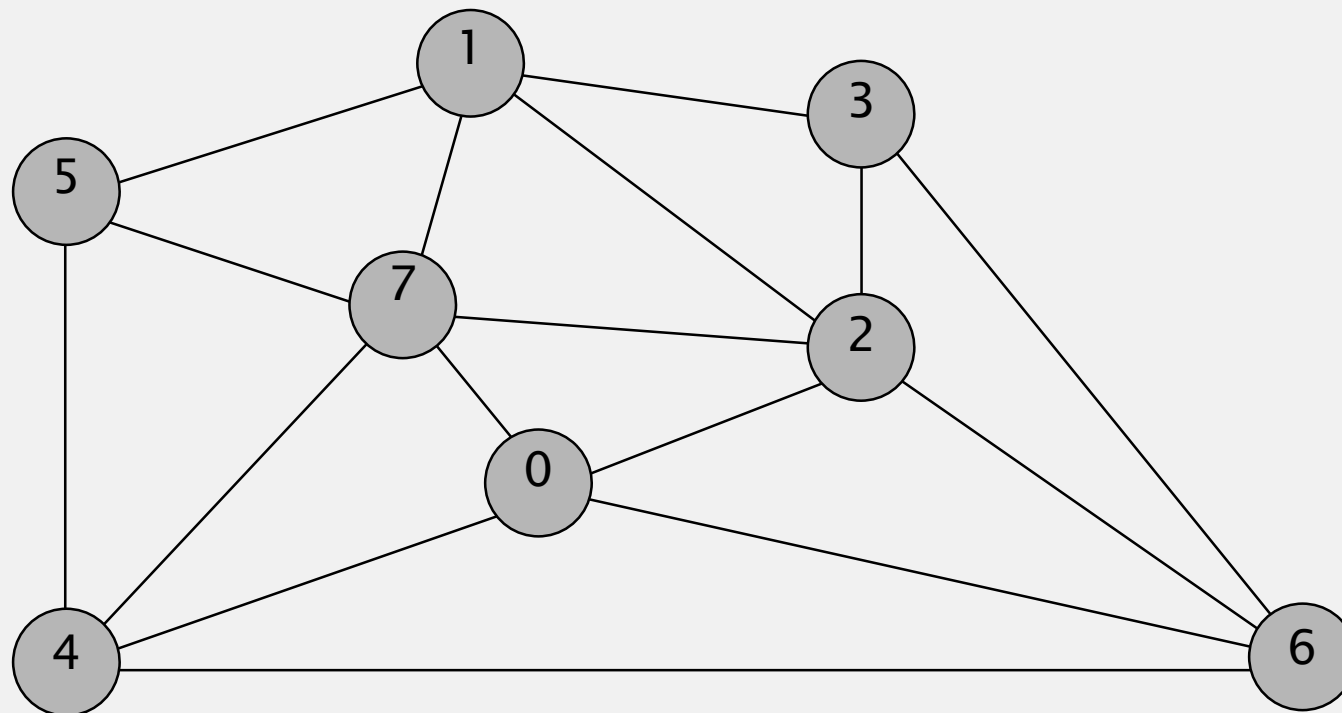
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7	0-7	0.16

← red: on PQ

↑  
black: on MST

# Prim's algorithm (eager) demo

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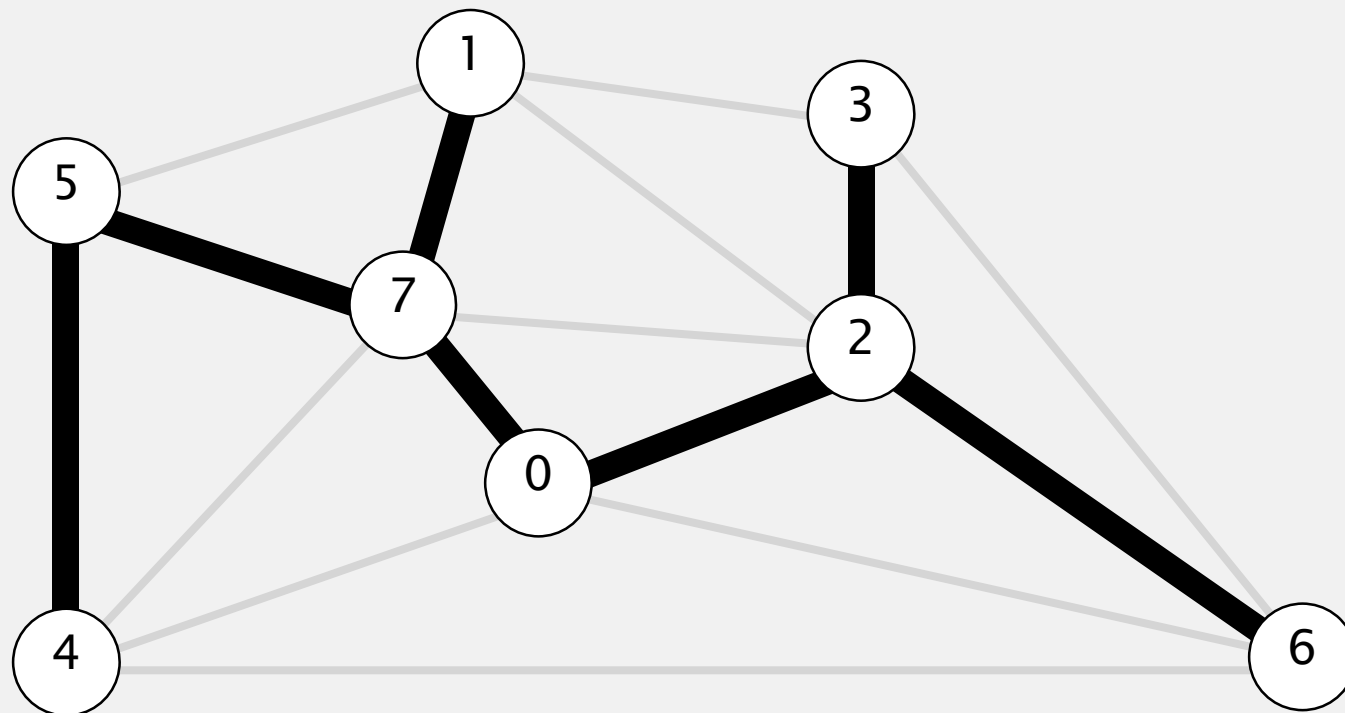


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**MST edges**

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# Indexed priority queue

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Associate an index between 0 and  $N - 1$  with each key in a priority queue.

- Supports **insert** and **delete-the-minimum**.
- Supports **decrease-key** given the index of the key.

```
public class IndexMinPQ<Key> extends Comparable<Key>>
```

```
    IndexMinPQ(int N)
```

*create indexed priority queue  
with indices 0, 1, ...,  $N - 1$*

```
    void insert(int i, Key key)
```

*associate key with index i*

```
    void decreaseKey(int i, Key key)
```

*decrease the key associated with index i*

```
    boolean contains(int i)
```

*is i an index on the priority queue?*

```
    int delMin()
```

*remove a minimal key and return its  
associated index*

```
    boolean isEmpty()
```

*is the priority queue empty?*

```
    int size()
```

*number of keys in the priority queue*

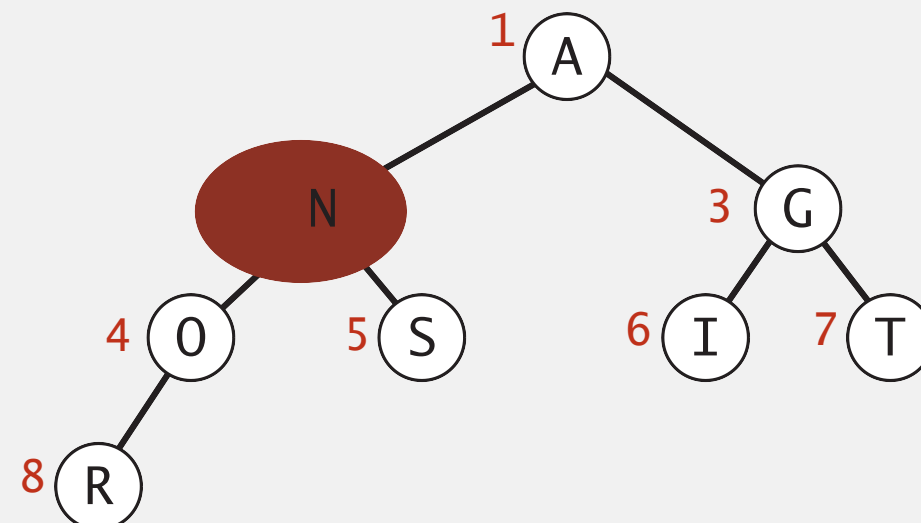
# Indexed priority queue implementation

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**Binary heap implementation.** [see Section 2.4 of textbook]

- Start with same code as MinPQ.
- Maintain parallel arrays `keys[]`, `pq[]`, and `qp[]` so that:
  - `keys[i]` is the priority of `i`
  - `pq[i]` is the index of the key in heap position `i`
  - `qp[i]` is the heap position of the key with index `i`
- Use `swim(qp[i])` to implement `decreaseKey(i, key)`.

<i>i</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<code>keys[i]</code>	A	S	0	R	T	I	N	G	–
<code>pq[i]</code>	–	0	6	7	2	1	5	4	3
<code>qp[i]</code>	1	5	4	8	7	6	2	3	–



# Prim's algorithm: which priority queue?

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Depends on PQ implementation:  $V$  insert,  $V$  delete-min,  $E$  decrease-key.

PQ implementation	insert	delete-min	decrease-key	total
<b>unordered array</b>	1	$V$	1	$V^2$
<b>binary heap</b>	$\log V$	$\log V$	$\log V$	$E \log V$
<b>d-way heap</b>	$\log_d V$	$d \log_d V$	$\log_d V$	$E \log_{E/V} V$
<b>Fibonacci heap</b>	$1^\dagger$	$\log V^\dagger$	$1^\dagger$	$E + V \log V$

$^\dagger$  amortized

## Bottom line.

- Array implementation optimal for dense graphs.
- Binary heap much faster for sparse graphs.
- 4-way heap worth the trouble in performance-critical situations.
- Fibonacci heap best in theory, but not worth implementing.